

PSALM 20 – The Assurance of God’s Saving Work - Trust in the Name of the Lord Our God

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WE TRUST IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD – S. Chapman; Sung by Steve Green

1 Some trust in chariots. We trust in the name of the Lord our God. Some trust in horses. We trust in the name of the Lord our God.

(Refrain) We trust in the name of the Lord our God. We trust in the name of the Lord our God. His love never fails. His name will always prevail. We trust in the name of the Lord our God

2 Some trust in the works they do. We trust in the name of the Lord our God

'Cause by His grace all the work is through. We trust in the name of the Lord our God (Refrain)

Oh, glory to the name. The name of our salvation. Oh, glory to the name above all names. The name of the Lord our God.

3 Some trust in the wealth of things. We trust in the name of the Lord our God

The name worth more than anything. We trust in the name of the Lord our God (Refrain)

We trust in the name of the Lord our God. We trust in the name of the Lord our God. His love never fails

His name will always prevail. We trust in the name of the Lord our... . We trust in the name of the Lord our...

We trust in the name of the Lord our God

PSALM 20

This Psalm seems to have been composed for a special occasion before a battle, when David was about to proceed on an expedition against a foreign enemy. It is written to be recited in the court of the tabernacle by the high priest and people. The date of its composition is likely after the transfer of the ark from the house of Obed-Edom to the city of David (**2Sa 6:12-19**), as appears from **Psa 20:2**. The conjecture which attaches it to the Syrian War described in **2Sa 10:17-19**, is possible. There is no reason to doubt the authorship of David, shown in the title, and admitted by most critics. The psalm divides into two portions—the first of five, and the second of four verses. In the first part, the people chant the whole. In the second, the high priest takes the word, and initiates the strain (**2Sa 10:6**), while the people join in afterwards (**2Sa 10:7-9**).

PSALM 20 - Trust in the Name of the Lord Our God – To the Chief Musician - A Psalm of David

In the first portion of this Psalm, the people chant the whole.

Psa 20:1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

- We tend to pray with more intensity before a battle, when the enemy is sitting on nearby hills, pounding the drums than at any other time! Desperate days bring desperate prayers!
- Here is honesty in the need to trust in the God of Jacob for victory, not in their king David or in anything of man.
- God was faithful to Jacob, leading and protecting him, even when Jacob would wander and trust often in himself.

Psa 20:2 May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion;

- How wonderful to pray for national leaders that way!
- “***May He send you help from the sanctuary***”. This Psalm puts worship and warfare rightly together!
- Israel knows their army is not as strong as their enemies, but they also know of His delivering them through the Red Sea and in many other situations of much stronger foes.
- Think of the painting of George Washington on his knees praying during battle in the Revolutionary War!

Psa 20:3 May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah

- May God remember, David, of all your worship, all of your offerings and burnt sacrifices!
- ***Selah!*** May we think about that for a while, LORD!

Psa 20:4 May He grant you according to your heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose.

Psa 20:5 We will rejoice in your salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

- “our God” – These people are praying, very personally, *in the name of our God!*
- May He allow us to *set up banners*, declaring victory even before the battle!

In the second portion of this Psalm, King David or possibly the high priest takes the word and initiates the strain (*2Sa 10:6*), while the people join in afterwards (*2Sa 10:7-9*).

Psa 20:6 Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

- *If David could say that the LORD saves His anointed*, how much more can we say that now, having been bought by the blood of Christ?
- *He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.* Here David is stating the truth about the LORD that he has!

Psa 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember (to ponder – perfect trust) the name of the LORD our God.

- Now David is stating his trust that he has in the LORD!
- We are under a better covenant than David was! We may have difficult battles and may lose a skirmish, but we will never lose the war, because of what He has done for us!

Psa 20:8 They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright.

- Fear is contagious, but faith is also contagious! Here we see David fully encouraged and going forward into battle trusting not in warfare and armaments but in the name of the LORD our God!

Psa 20:9 Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

- Now both the encouragers, those praying for their leader as well as the leader, David, both cry out to the LORD, acknowledging Him as their King, “Save, LORD”!
- May the LORD hear us when we call.

SUMMARY:

- Here we have the importance of asking, seeking and knocking for help and for victory!
- We see the importance and necessity of trusting in the LORD for victory, not in Israel’s military prowess – “not in *chariots* and *horses*”
- We must always kneel before the LORD in starting any and every battle!

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS – Sabine Baring-Gould/Arthur Sullivan – Joslin Grove

1 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before!

Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; Forward into battle, see his banner go!

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before!

2 Like a mighty army moves the church of God; Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;

We are not divided; all one body we, One in hope and doctrine, one in charity. [Refrain]

3 Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;

Glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King; This thro’ countless ages men and angels sing. [Refrain]

PRAY FOR OUR NATION’S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: -

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