

EVEN KINGS NEED GOD

Psalm 21:7 “For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.”

Imagine you are the richest, most powerful person on earth. You have more money than you will ever be able to spend. You have staff to do whatever you tell them to do for you. People see you as a mover and shaker which causes them to imitate what you think, say and do.

The writer of Psalm 21, David was the richest, most powerful person on earth. He was Israel’s King. During his reign Israel was the most powerful nation on earth. David realized, however, that having such wealth and power insured nothing for him. He wrote the words of Psalm 21:1, 7, “O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults. . .the king trust in the LORD, and through the steadfast love of the most high he shall not be moved.”

As you read and meditate on the first seven verses of Psalm 21, it is fairly obvious David is awe-struck, if not literally overcome, with gratitude, thanks and praise to Yahweh for the present blessings he has received and for the eternal life God has promised him through the sending of the promised Messiah.

Psalm 21 looks forward to The King of Kings and Lord of Lords who God promised to send into the world to overcome, overpower and defeat sin, the Devil and the world, David’s ultimate enemy. Reading in the Scriptures the story of David’s life, there were numerous occasions when he relied upon Yahweh, the Lord Almighty, for salvation from his earthly enemies (defeat of Goliath) (1 Samuel 17:1-50) and for forgiveness of his sins (Psalm 51.)

The King to whom David looked is the King to whom you look, Jesus Christ. He sits at God’s right hand exercising His power over all of God’s creation. From His seat of power, He sends pastors and teachers to proclaim to you the saving Gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:10-12); He pleads and prays to His heavenly Father in your behalf (Romans 8:4); and, He rules over and protects the world for the benefit and blessing of all who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior (Ephesians 1:20-23.)

Insert your name in the place of David’s: “For _____ trusts in the LORD, and through the steadfast love of the Most High _____ shall not be moved.”
(Psalm 21:7)

Prayer: O Lord, send Your Holy Spirit to work faith in my heart to trust You to overcome all my earthly and spiritual foes. In Jesus' name. Amen.

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing
His pow'r and His love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose roe is the light,
Whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy pow'r
hath founded of old, Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust,
Nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight
To hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, thought feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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