

Psalms Chapter 21 Commentary
To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

Ps 21:1 "The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! 2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah."

We are sure that David was taught about God before he was anointed to be king over all Israel. However, when God anointed him to be king, we are told ***1Sa 16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So, Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah."*** This is a picture of the new birth today.

However, think about how long, after the new birth of David, until he became king over all Israel, and all the tribulations he suffered until he was actually crowned king over all Israel. Think about how David learned to trust fully in the salvation of God, and to trust fully in God's word.

Surely, David requested of God many times along the way that God would bring to fruition his promise to him. Now that David is king over all Israel, he can say that he joys in the strength of the Lord, and he rejoices in the joy of the salvation of God, for God has answered his prayers.

Now, take these same thoughts and apply them to your personal life as a child of God. Once you are born again, it may be a long time until you see the fruition of the promises of God, but you can rest assured in the joy of the salvation of God until Christ returns. Then shall all your heart's desire will be fulfilled, as you are carried to the place that Christ has gone to prepare for you.

3 "For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. 4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever."

Preventest, as used here, means precede or to go before. David was, as we all are, often in trouble. Yet, the blessings of goodness, by the providence of God, were always there before David's trouble came to him. So, it is in our own lives.

God did as promised and set on King David's head a crown of pure gold. All of God's people are kings and priests to God, and we also will receive a crown, as seen in ***Jas 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."***

King David says that he asked of God life and God gave him life and length of days. After you are born again, you also asked God for life, and God has granted life and also length of days. King David understood the eternal resurrection of the dead and that it would be "***for ever and ever.***" What do you mean by length of days? God has promised his people an eternity with him, in the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. Hallelujah!

5 "His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him. 6 For thou hast made him most blessed forever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance."

King David tells us that his glory is great in God's salvation. So, it is with each child of God. King David tells us that God has laid honor and majesty upon him. Likewise, God has laid honor and majesty upon each born again child of God, for he has adopted us into His family and filled us with the Holy Spirit of God. What an honor to be able to say: I am a child of God, grafted into the royal lineage of Christ our king.

King David tells us God has made him most blessed forever. Every child of God is most blessed forever, for in the new birth we are given eternal life, which never ends. King David says that God has made him exceedingly glad by giving him favor in the sight of God. This is true for all of God's people. We have no real joy in this life other than the knowledge of the gift of eternal salvation of God being granted to us.

7 ¶ "For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved."

Do you remember the promise of God to David in ***2Sa 7:15-16; 15 "But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever."*** King David understood that God was committed to protect and keep him all the days of his life, and that God's mercy would not depart from him

because his kingdom was established forever. He even had the promise that he would have a son from whom God would not remove his mercy.

King David is telling us that my kingdom shall not be moved, because it is protected by the Most High God of heaven and earth. We declare unto you today, in this age of salvation by the grace of God, we have been grafted into an eternal kingdom which shall not be moved. This kingdom is the kingdom of the Son of God, who established the New Testament Church on earth and will one day come back and take that church to the eternal heaven.

8 "Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. 9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. 10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men. 11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform. 12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them."

King David gives us here the prophetic picture of the second coming of Jesus. In the resurrection of the dead in Christ, and the change of those who are alive and remain in Christ at his coming, all that will be left on the earth are the enemies of Christ. King David rightly prophesies of all that shall befall those that Jesus did not die for upon the cross. Jesus saved everyone that God the Father gave him to save and not one shall be missing in the eternal heaven. Likewise, not one for whom Jesus did not die will be found in heaven, for they will all be condemned forever into the eternal lake of fire, when Jesus returns the second time. Also, God has promised in his word of truth that Satan, and all who follow him, shall be cast into the eternal lake of fire, to die forever and ever in that awful place of condemnation, for not bowing to the lordship of King Jesus, seen in **Re 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."**

Linked to the second coming of Christ, and the completion of the eternal judgment, is the destruction of all created things as we know them, seen in **2Pe 3:10-12; 10 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 ¶ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"** This is speaking of the total destruction of the earth and heaven. When it says **the elements shall melt with fervent heat**, what is it telling us? What is the basic building block of everything we know? It is the atom. Now, we know that man has figured out how to split the atom and release the power stored therein. This was demonstrated when man created the atom bomb. When God is ready to destroy all created things, Jesus will release the power, that is stored in the atoms of creation, and there will be nothing left of creation as we know it.

13 "Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so, will we sing and praise thy power."

Just as God is protecting us and keeping us in his kingdom on earth, we should be exalting the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Because God's salvation that is gifted to us is sure and steadfast, we will sing and praise the power of our God and Saviour, who is seen in **Re 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."** Praise, ye the Lord forever! Hallelujah! Amen!