

Psalm 020 - A Prayer Before Battle

Psalm 20

[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]

A Prayer for Victory

1 May the LORD answer you on a day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you *securely* on high!

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

1 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 May He send you help from the sanctuary, And support you from Zion!

2 May He send you help from the sanctuary And support you from Zion!

2 May he send you help from the sanctuary, and may he sustain you from Zion.

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 May He remember all your meal offerings And accept your burnt offering! *Selah*

3 May He remember all your meal offerings And find your burnt offering acceptable! *Selah*.

3 May he remember all your gifts, and may he accept your burnt offerings.

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; *Selah*.

4 May He grant you your heart's desire And fulfill your whole plan!

4 May He grant you your heart's desire And fulfill all your counsel!

4 May he give you what your heart desires, and may he fulfill all your plans.

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your desires.

5 We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

5 May we shout for joy at your deliverance and unfurl our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

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.

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.

6 Now I know that the LORD has delivered his anointed; he has answered him from his
sanctuary with the strength of his right hand of deliverance.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven
with the saving strength of his right hand.

- David did more than just worship: he also sought the Lord's will concerning the strategy
for the battle (Cf. 1 Sam 23)

7 Some *praise their* chariots and some *their* horses, But we will praise the name of the
LORD, our God.

7 Some *boast* in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the LORD,
our God.

7 Some boast in chariots, others in horses; but we will boast in the name of the LORD our
God.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD
our God.

8 They have bowed down and fallen, But we have risen and stood upright.

8 They have bowed down and fallen, But we have risen and stood upright.

8 While they bowed down and fell, we arose and stood upright.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 **Save, LORD;** May the King answer us on the day we call.

9 Save, O LORD; May the King answer us in the day we call.

9 Deliver us, LORD! Answer us, our King, on the day we cry out!

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

- "Save, LORD" - *Hosanna* in Hebrew. The King of Glory is above all else.