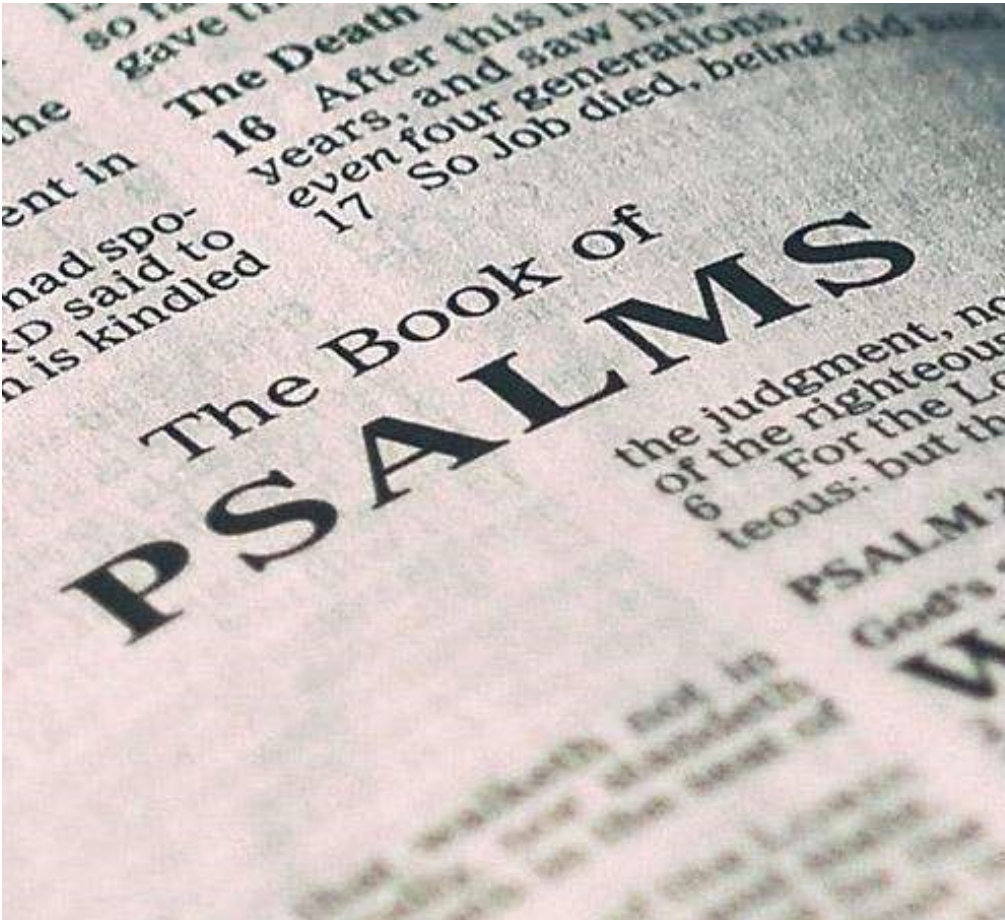
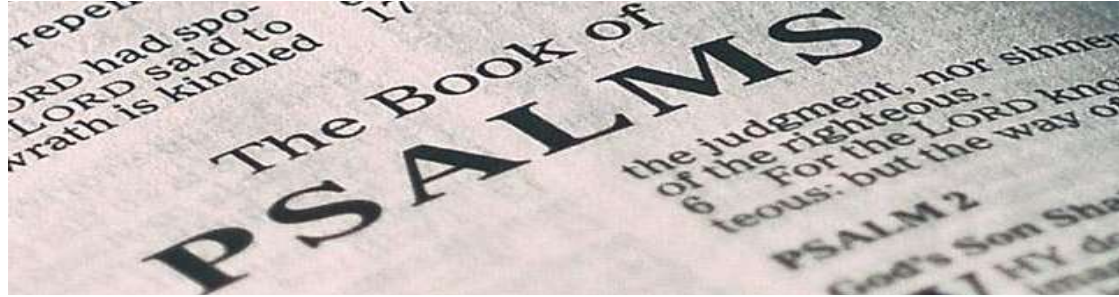


# Let's Worship God

10th-15th January 2022  
Psalms





### **Monday - Psalm 21:1-2 - Rejoicing in God's Power**

There are many commentators who see this Psalm as being wholly Messianic, and it is true that, as with all the psalms, the ultimate fulfilment can only be seen in the Lord Jesus Christ, but there is much in this psalm that relates to David and his kingdom as a type and shadow of the kingdom of Christ.

The great king David does not rejoice in his own power and strength but recognises that whatever strength or might there is evident in his kingdom, it comes from the sovereign God alone. All that he had achieved, all the victories over more powerful enemies, all his prosperity, came through the wisdom and power of God.

If this was so for David, is it not also true for the Christian as an individual and for the church as a body? As the believer seeks to live for the glory of God, he is bound to fail if he tries to do so in his own strength. So it is with the church as a body, the worship will not glorify God if done according to man's wisdom and the evangelism will have no real success without the wisdom and strength of the almighty God.

Not only does he rejoice in the blessing of God's strength, he also rejoices in the answer to his prayers. It is interesting to note that for David, the desire of his heart was the same as the request of his lips. We need to be sure that the things for which we pray with our lips are a true reflection of what is in our hearts. As one commentator puts it 'we pray for spiritual riches, but desire material riches in our hearts. We pray that God's will be done but desire our own way in our hearts. We pray that God's name would be glorified, but we desire fame and renown for ourselves in our hearts.' We must always be aware that prayer will not be effective if it does not reflect the true desires of our hearts.

#### **Questions**

1. What is it that David rejoices in?
2. Why does the believer need divine strength?
3. Why is important that lips and heart agree?

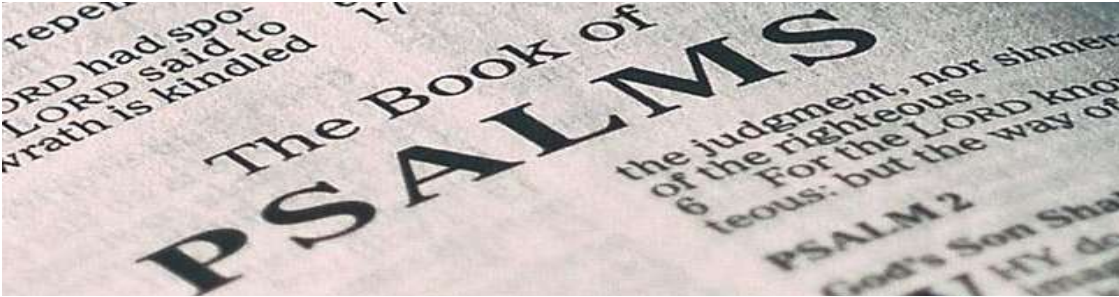
#### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for strength to live each day for Christ.
2. Pray for purity of heart.
3. Pray for the proclamation of the Word throughout the world.
4. Use prayer points from your congregation.
5. Pray for family matters.

#### **Memory Verse**

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

**Praise: Psalm 21:1-3 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



## **Tuesday - Psalm 21:3; Romans 8:24 - 28 - Rejoicing in God's Provision**

In the previous verse David had expressed his praise to God for his abundant strength and for the answers that he had granted to his prayers and to the desires of his heart. Now, in verse 3, he goes further and recognises what theologians call God's prevenient grace. In the King James version of the Bible vs 3 says 'For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness'; the word 'prevent' used to mean 'to go before' so what David is rejoicing in is the way that God had gone before him and had 'met' him with his blessings.

This truth is fundamental in understanding the work of God on behalf of his people because it demonstrates that God is the initiator in all that has to do with his people. He chose them in eternity and planned the means by which he would save them from their sins. God's love for his people is not caused by the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary but preceded it. Indeed, it would be more accurate to say that the love of God for his people, before they were born, was the cause of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus. This truth should bring tremendous comfort to the child of God, because it not only applies to his salvation, but also to everything that follows. To know that God goes before us, preparing and smoothing the way that we go, should enable the believer to be less anxious about what lies ahead. Sometimes the child of God is troubled about the future, he perhaps worries about his health or his economic situation or because of the state of the nation. Things in the present seem difficult and dark and he fears that the future will be worse! But here there is assurance for the believer, for although he does not know what the future may hold, the God who loved him before he was born, most certainly does and he will 'meet' his chosen ones with blessings sufficient for the hour.

### **Questions**

1. What is David rejoicing in?
2. What is 'prevenient grace'?
3. Why should the believer not fear the future?

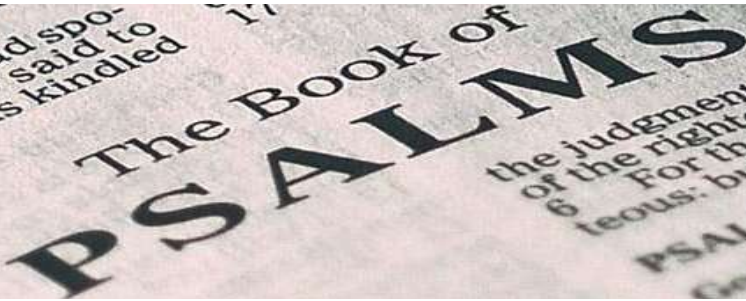
### **Prayer Points**

1. Thank God that he goes before his people.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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

**Praise: Psalm 59:10, 16-17 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



# The Book of PSALMS

## Wednesday - Psalm 21:4 - 6 - Rejoicing in God's Providence

David knew much of the gracious provision of the Lord, but he also knew of the sometimes uncomfortable providences of God. As the people reflect on the goodness and mercy of God to their king, they speak of how God had set a crown of pure gold on his head. God had indeed made David king, but from his original anointing to be king of Israel in 1 Samuel 16:13 he had to pass through many difficult and dangerous circumstances for about fifteen years before he was able to fulfil his kingship. He was hated and persecuted by Saul, he lived the life of a fugitive, he battled against the Philistines and the Amalekites and faced civil war when Abner refused to accept his kinship. Yet through all these trials, he knew the providential hand of the Lord upon him, teaching him, refining him, and preparing him to exercise rule over the people of God.

Although many times facing danger and death, God in his providence granted him a long life on the earth and a stable kingdom, as well as giving him the assurance of life eternal.

Not only does David rejoice in the victories that came to him in battle and the long life granted to him in the will of God, but he is also enabled to see that all the glory, honour, and majesty that came to him, came from God and not from himself v.5. It is a great blessing when believers fully realise that all success in life comes alone from God.

What was applicable to David is even more so to David's greater son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the king of kings and lord of lords; he was granted life from death when he was raised from the grave and continues with life everlasting in the presence of his father. There is also in verse 4 a looking forward to the kingdom of the Lord Christ that would be established for ever.

### Questions

1. What were the things that made David rejoice?
2. How should the believer react to his successes and prosperity?
3. How does looking forward to the everlasting kingdom of Christ encourage believers?

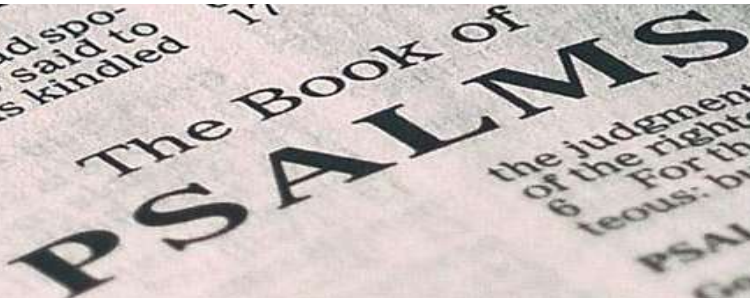
### Prayer Points

1. Pray for submission to the providence of God
2. Pray for the rulers of the nation.
3. Pray for an awakening in the land.
4. Use prayer points from your congregation.
5. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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**Praise:** Psalm 21:3-7 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.



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## Thursday - Psalm 21:6-7 - Rejoicing in God's Presence

The psalmist was able to rejoice even when circumstances were against him because he knew the mercy or the lovingkindness of God. So he is able to say, 'the king trusts in the Lord'. In order to trust in someone, especially in times of difficulty, there needs to be a knowledge of their ability to help and of their willingness to do so. David had full confidence in the strength of the Lord and the salvation and the provision that he bestowed upon his people vs 1-2, and so he was able to constantly affirm his trust in the Lord for all that would come in the future.

For David, however the blessings that God heaped upon him were as nothing compared to the gladness that he felt in the presence of God v.6. Even in the dark days when there were no trappings of royalty and he was in constant threat of being killed, his joy was found in the presence of the Lord. Not even being falsely accused and hunted by the forces of the king could take away joyfulness in the presence of the Lord.

This should also be the attitude of the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. So often, the circumstances of our daily lives determine how we face the world. If everything is pleasant and comfortable, we present an agreeable face to the world, but if our circumstances are difficult it tends to show in our attitudes! That would change if we were more in the presence of God.

The more we know of God, his attributes, his grace and mercy, his overwhelming love and kindness, the more precious his presence becomes and the more anxious we should be to be in his presence, in both public and private. No matter what the circumstances may be or how dark and painful the way may be, the presence of the Lord brings gladness of heart. The psalmist also acknowledged that the presence of God brought deeper trust in his mercy and grace and that, in turn, made his confidence in the Lord to be unshakeable.

## Questions

1. How can we know more of the presence of God ?
2. What are some of the things that prevent us from rejoicing in the presence of God?
3. What sort of things can shake our confidence in God?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would know more of the presence of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

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

**Praise: Psalm 21:7-9 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## Friday - Psalm 21:8-12 - Rejoicing in God's Protection

In a very real sense, verses 8 - 12 are a continuation of the blessings that God would pour out on his servant even although they speak of God's righteous judgement on the wicked. Although the wicked may prosper in this life, they will most certainly receive what their wickedness deserves Prov. 16:4, 1 Pet. 3:2. It is a part of the blessings of the Lord that he lets his people know that those who oppress and mock his people cannot do so with impunity.

The things in which the believer rejoices in verses 1 - 7 are here contrasted with the judgements that will fall upon the unrighteous:

Whilst David could rejoice in the strength of the Lord that would deliver him from his enemies, the wicked have cause to fear the strong right arm of the sovereign God that would find out and punish evildoers v.8. David could rejoice that, in spite of trials, God had placed a 'crown of pure gold on his head', but the ungodly could only expect to be 'swallowed up' in the wrath of God v. 9. The length of days for ever granted to the believer v. 4 is contrasted with the destruction of the posterity of the wicked v. 10. The plans and purposes of the wicked will not come to fruition because they 'intended evil' against the Lord and against his anointed v.11, but those things that the Lord purposes can never be frustrated.

No wonder then, that the child of God can rejoice even as he sees the prosperity of the wicked even although he is passing through difficult times himself. He knows that the long-term purpose of the Lord is to do him good and to execute judgement and justice upon all those who oppose him and seek to undermine and destroy his work.

### Questions

1. How should Christian people react when they are attacked for their faith?
2. Is it right for Christians to pray for the destruction of the wicked?
3. How can we rejoice in the Lord when we go through difficult times?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for ministers and elders and all who bear responsibility in the church.
2. Pray for foreign mission.
3. Thank God for the spread of the gospel throughout the world.
4. Use prayer points from your congregation.
5. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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

**Praise: Psalm 21:10-12 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Saturday - Psalm 21:13; Psalm 135:1-7 - Responding with Praise**

There could not be a better or more fitting way to end this psalm than with this wonderful call to exalt and to praise the Lord. As we reflect upon this psalm, we can see so many reasons to exalt and praise the Lord. So often we are more prone to focus our attention on our present circumstances or on our perceived needs than to lift our eyes to heaven and to consider all that God is and all that he has done on behalf of his people.

David wants to exalt the Lord and he mentions three main areas that call out this praise and worship.

1. He praises God for his strength on his behalf. It is when we focus attention on the strength of God that we become aware of our own weakness and inability to carry out the commands that God lays upon us, or to glorify him as we are called to do. When our minds are not full of the greatness and power of the sovereign God, we can easily fall into the trap of thinking we can live the life of a Christian in our own strength.

2. He praises God for all the blessings that have come to him; for salvation, for hearing his prayers, for the kingship granted to him, for a long life and for the joy that he has in the presence of God vs 1 - 7. We too have many things for which we must praise the Lord and it should be a part of Christian life to look back on the blessings of God and to praise him for them.

3. He praises God for the assurance that the wicked will not triumph, nor will they go unpunished. In a society that appears to be in the control of the wicked one and ungodliness of every kind seems to flourish unchecked, it is good to be reminded that God is sovereign and will ultimately see his cause prosper and his enemies defeated.

The duty of the Christian, therefore, is to 'sing and praise his power' v. 13

### **Questions**

1. What things do you think you should praise God for?
2. How do you rely on your own strength to live the Christian life?
3. How can we show our thankfulness to God in our daily lives?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Thank God for all his goodness to you.
2. Pray for the rulers of the nation.
3. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
4. Use prayer points from your congregation.
5. Pray for family matters

### **Memory Verse**

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

**Praise: Psalm 20:6-9 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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