PSALM 21 vs 1

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Subject: The title gives us little information; likely written by David, sung by David, relating to David, and intended by David to refer in its fullest reach of the meaning to David's Lord. It is the fit companion of Psalm Twenty; what Psalm Twenty anticipates, this regards as realized. If we pray today for a benefit and receive it, we must, before the sun goes down, praise God for that mercy, or we deserve to be denied the next time.

This Psalm has been called David's triumphant song, and we may remember it as **THE ROYAL TRIUMPHAL ODE**. "The King" is most prominent throughout, and we will profit if our meditation pursues Him. We must crown Him with the glory of our salvation; singing of His love, and praising His power. While the next Psalm will take us to the foot of the cross; this Psalm introduces us to the steps of His throne.



Divisions: It begins with thanksgiving for victory (1-6); and ends with confidence of further success (7-13) – Charles Spurgeon.

To the Chief musician,

A Psalm of David

¹O LORD, in Your strength, the king is glad; and in Your salvation /Yeshua rejoices greatly!

² You give him his heart's desire; and the request of his lips You did not withheld.

Selah, pause and think about it: The Man of Sorrows is now anointed with the oil of gladness above His fellows. Returned in triumph from the overthrow of all His foes, He offers joy in the power of the Lord.

³ For You meet him with good blessings: You set on his head a crown of pure gold.

⁴ He asked You for life, and You gave it to him -- length of days forever and ever.

⁵ His glory is great in Your salvation / Yeshua: honor and majesty You put on him.

⁶ For You made him most blessed forever: You made him most glad with Your presence.

Think about it: "He asked You for life, and You gave it to him – The first words may suit King David, but "length of days forever and ever" can only refer to the Messiah King. Jesus, as man, prayed for resurrection and He received it, and now possesses it in immortality. He died, once, but being raised from the dead, He dies no more. "Because, I live, you will live also." We are partakers of His eternal life. The Father has glorified His Son, and there is no glory like that which surrounds Him. See His person as it is described by John in the Revelation; see His dominion as it stretches from sea to sea; see His splendor as He is revealed in flaming fire. Lord, who is like you? Solomon in all his glory could not compare. Salvation is ascribed to God, and His Son, as our Savior, magnifies His Father.

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⁷ For the king leans on the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High will not slip.

⁸ Your hand finds all your enemies: Your right hand finds those who hate You.

⁹ You will make them toast, in the time of Your anger: the LORD will swallow them up in His wrath, and fire will consume them.

¹⁰ Their offspring You will destroy from the earth, and their descendants from among the children of men.

¹¹ For they intended evil against You: they devised a plot; but they will not prevail.

¹² For You will make them run away, when You aim Your missile at their face.

¹³ Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength: we sing and praise Your mighty power.

Think about it: God takes notice of intentions; he who would, but could not, is as guilty as he who did. Intentional evil has a virus in it which is not found in sins of ignorance. The destruction of the wrongdoer is a fitting subject for joy; they have the wickedness to imagine, the cunning to devise, and the malice to plot, but thank God, they fail in ability. A day is coming when all they produced, in their words and their actions, will be destroyed; yes, the tree itself, which produced them, even their posterity will be uprooted and thrown into the fire. As they turn to run, they will expose their butt for God to shoot. God takes sure aim; who would be His target? You enemies of God, your boastings will be over when the missiles begin to fly! Who would have the Son of God to be His enemy... when such an overthrow awaits His foes? – Charles Spurgeon

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