

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

# THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD

## PSALMS 20

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

Introduction:

This psalm is a battle psalm.

It is a psalm of the warrior David.

As David is about to enter battle, this psalm declares his faith in the Lord.

That causes us to ask ourselves, “Where is our faith?”

In our text we read that, “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.”

The Lord desires for us to know Him, and He reveals Himself to us through the names that He attributes to Himself in His Word.

When we read this psalm the Bible says “LORD” in capital letters.

When Lord is written that way it means it has been translated from the Hebrew name “Jehovah.”

Note as we consider:

## **1. OUR WARFARE**

This psalm speaks of a battle.

Before the armies march into the fight they would sing this battle song.

They were saying, “We trust in the name of the Lord our God.

We too face a foe and as we enter the battle we must enter trusting in the Lord.

We may be working for the Lord but we must realize that it is more than work it is warfare.

### ***Ephesians 6:12***

*<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

We are in warfare.

We face enemies of the world and the whole world system.

We are living in a world that calls evil good and good evil.

The Bible warns about this in Isaiah.

***Isaiah 5:20***

*<sup>20</sup> Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

The world likes to deify people and humanize God, to make gods and idols of human beings to exalt them above all else.

If you don't recognize this warfare, you are going to be a casualty on the battlefield.

If we think that we can escape the battle we are wrong.

At times we may think we are out of it, but the Devil is relentless.

Note not only "Our Warfare" but also:

## 2. OUR WEAPONS

### **Ephesians 6:12-18**

<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

<sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

<sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The offensive weapons are – the sword of the spirit and prayer; and these only point us to One, and that One is the Lord.

We really only have One weapon.

We should never attempt to handle anything on our own.

He is our weapon.

We are to go into the battle in the name of the Lord.

There have been many who would not go off into sin if he didn't attempt to deal with temptation himself.

We must lift up His name.

It is by His all-powerful name that our enemy is defeated.

We are never victorious in our strength.

We note not only our "Warfare and Weapon" but lastly:

### 3. Our Winning

When did the people sing this psalm?

When did they raise their voices, lifting high this psalm?

Was it after the battle or before the battle?

It was before the battle, before they ever went to fight.

Note what we read in 1 John 4:

### **1 John 4:4**

<sup>4</sup> *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.***

We need to remember whatever we may be facing; God is greater and we can enjoy the victory.

### **1 Samuel 17:47**

<sup>47</sup> *And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: **for the battle is the LORD'S,** and he will give you into our hands.*

Hal Reeve in 1965 wrote this song:

(Verse 1)

Once I drifted out in sin, had no hope nor joy within,  
And my soul was burdened down with pride, with  
sinful pride;

Then my Savior came along and He showed me I was  
wrong,

Now I know I'm on the winning side.

(Verse 2)

From the straight and narrow way I was drifting ev'ry  
day;

Out upon the waters deep and wide, so deep and wide;  
But it all is over now; glory light is on my brow,

And my soul is on the winning side.

(Verse 3)

I will never have a fear, for my Lord is ever near,  
And in Him so often I confide, in Him confide;  
He's the keeper of my soul since I gave Him full control,  
And He placed me on the winning side.

(Chorus)

Well, I am on the winning side, yes, I am on the winning  
side,  
Out in sin no more will I abide;  
I've enlisted in the fight for the cause of truth and right,  
Praise the Lord, I'm on the winning side!

We are on the winning side.