

Series: The Pathway Through the Psalms

THE BLESSING OF GOODNESS

PSALMS 21

Text: Psalms 21:3

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³ *For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.*

Introduction:

Many believe the contents of this Psalm are seen in 2 Samuel 7.

David had a desire to build a home for the Lord.

Because David was a man of war the Lord would not permit him to build the temple, however the Lord did promise David that David's son would build the house.

Note:

1. THE GLADNESS OF DAVID (VS. 1-2)

Psalm 21:1-2

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.*

Note this gladness is seen in:

A. His Rejoicing – “*joy in thy strength*”

David rejoiced in the strength and salvation of the Lord

Note the word “thy”.

Strength and salvation are things that come from the Lord, and because of these David “greatly shall he rejoice.”

Note not only is David gladness seen in His rejoicing but also seen in his:

B. His Request (vs. 2)

Psalm 21:2

² *Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.*

The heart's desire that the king is referring to is again found in the context of 2 Samuel 7.

2 Samuel 7:12-29

¹² *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 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 for ever. ¹⁷ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. ¹⁸ Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? ¹⁹ And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? ²⁰ And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant. ²¹ For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them. ²² Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have*

heard with our ears.²³ And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?²⁴ For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.²⁵ And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.²⁶ And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.²⁷ For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.²⁸ And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:²⁹ Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

David made his requests known to God and in this David found great joy.

We too can find great joy in the Lord's strength and salvation.

We too can find great joy in making our request know unto the Lord.

Philippians 4:6

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Note not only “The Gladness of David” but also:

2. THE GLIMPSE OF DEITY (vs. 3-4)

Psalms 21:3-4

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.

Note:

A. The Beauty of the King in His Crown – “*a crown of pure gold on his head*”

The king would wear a crown when he was victorious.

This crown worn by David’s King is made of the purest gold.

We see here a glimpse of Christ, Who sits upon the Throne of David in Jerusalem as the conquering King of Kings.

Note not only the Beauty of the King in His Crown but also:

B. The Breadth of the King and His Continuation –
“length of days for ever and ever”

Obviously neither David nor Solomon lived forever. This again is a reference to the Lord.

Only One Who is eternal would be able to sit upon an eternal throne.

Again another fulfilment of 2 Samuel 7 – all the kingdoms of the world will rise and fall but His kingdom will be forever.”

Note not only “The Gladness of David” and “The Glimpse of Deity” but lastly:

3. THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE (VS. 5-9)

Psalm 21:5-9

⁵ His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him. ⁶ For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance. ⁷ For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved. 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.

A. The Glory of His Salvation

- The Lord's glory is manifested in salvation
- There is only one means and way of salvation and it through the King
- Those who are a child of His know that He alone can receive the glory and honor

Note not only the Glory of His Salvation but also:

B. The Glory of His Strength (vs. 8)

Psalm 21:8-9

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.*

What a contrast of verse 5.

Psalm 21:5

⁵ *His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.*

His glory is manifested not only in His salvation but also in His wrath and judgment.

As the conquering King, He will overcome all His enemies and make them to be consumed in the fire.

Close:

When all is said and done, Christ alone will sit upon the throne of David in Jerusalem as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

God will keep His promise to David.

All the people , and all the nations, and all the kings of the world will bow down before Him, just as God said they would.