

Psalm 21

- ¹ The king rejoices in your strength, Lord.
How great is his joy in the victories you give!
- ² You have granted him his heart's desire
and have not withheld the request of his lips.
- ³ You came to greet him with rich blessings
and placed a crown of pure gold on his head.
- ⁴ He asked you for life, and you gave it to him
length of days, for ever and ever.
- ⁵ Through the victories you gave, his glory is great;
you have bestowed on him splendour and majesty.
- ⁶ Surely you have granted him unending blessings
and made him glad with the joy of your presence.
- ⁷ For the king trusts in the Lord;
through the unfailing love of the Most High
he will not be shaken.
- ⁸ Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies;
your right hand will seize your foes.
- ⁹ When you appear for battle,
you will burn them up as in a blazing furnace.
The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath,
and his fire will consume them.
- ¹⁰ You will destroy their descendants from the earth,
their posterity from mankind.
- ¹¹ Though they plot evil against you
and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed.
- ¹² You will make them turn their backs
when you aim at them with drawn bow.
- ¹³ Be exalted in your strength, Lord;
we will sing and praise your might.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

I have included some suggestive answers to a few of the questions

What is it to rejoice in the strength of the Lord? – To know where your help comes from.

Notice the victory gained comes from what the Lord has given. – Remembering past victories can be a tremendous encouragement when you are up against an enemy.

What is it to have a 'heart's desire' and why would God give David his?

Will God give to us our 'heart's desire'?

God withheld nothing from David. Has God withheld anything from you? – If the answer is 'yes' do you know why?

Have you ever asked him 'why'?

What does it mean to be given life when you are already alive? – It is to understand eternity now.

David had a great reputation in the earth, even among the other nations, purely because God had been with him.

Can you imagine facing battles without God being with you?

What is splendour and majesty?

Have you been grateful and mindful of the blessings God has poured out on your life?

In gladness and joy, -The presence of God, is where kingdom kids are meant to dwell, even when life is hard.

To know His presence – is to know He is with you.

Joy is where we get our strength.

We have a choice to be glad or to be sad. - What countenance will help you most?

David trusts in God.- Have you?

How do you know you are trusting God? – When you are in the battle and you put your trust in what He says over and against what you are facing.

When you know you are loved by God - Nothing will disturb you from your security.

You will overcome your enemy when your hand is in His hand.

Your enemy will flee from you when they know who you belong to.

God knows how to destroy the wicked. -The wicked are those that won't change.

When we realise the war for good and evil has already been fought and won by God, -Good won, and if you are on the side of good, you have won too.

Satan and his demons actively scheme against right. -We need to remember we are in the battle to the end of the age.

But victory is ours when we stand firm and stay true to what is good. Your enemy will flee and reveal his back to you as a target.

Why do we need to exalt the Lord? – He is worthy of all that we offer with our lips, our hands and our feet.

Singing to God is why we have voices. – We were made to sing and rejoice over our God. To not sing is to not express intimate love to our God.