

Psalm Meditations – Psalm 21

The column on the right is not a paraphrase or translation, but a possible prayer that generally follows the Scripture provided in the left column. This is designed to model direct engagement with God in your inner being and to be used as a guide to meditate on God's word. Feel free to use your own words, to expound or change what's provided, or write out your own response as you spend time with God each day.

21 O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices,
and in your salvation how greatly he
exults!

² You have given him his heart's desire
and have not withheld the request of his
lips. *Selah*

³ For you meet him with rich blessings;
you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

⁴ He asked life of you; you gave it to him,
length of days forever and ever.

⁵ His glory is great through your salvation;
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

⁶ For you make him most blessed forever;
you make him glad with the joy of your
presence.

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

⁸ Your hand will find out all your enemies;
your right hand will find out those who
hate you.

⁹ You will make them as a blazing oven
when you appear.

The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath,
and fire will consume them.

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

¹¹ Though they plan evil against you,
though they devise mischief, they will not
succeed.

¹² For you will put them to flight;
you will aim at their faces with your bows.

A king or president that does not rejoice in your strength is a fool. If the king is to rejoice in your strength and Jesus the ultimate king rejoices in your strength, then I too, will rejoice in your strength. Your salvation is great. You conquer death and the grave and have taken my sin. I exult in you and rejoice in you!

You gave Jesus the desire of his heart for his heart was in tune with yours. You withheld no request of his because he always had your interest in mind. Make my heart in tune with yours the way Jesus' heart was. May I desire what you desire and see those desires manifest. You will not withhold any good thing from me, whatever I ask for that is aligned with the quality and character of your name you will give it.

Jesus sought life and you blessed him. He will be the king forever and ever. Forever Jesus is to be glorified. Through the cross we see the glory of Jesus, his beauty and majesty. His holiness and purity are on display.

May the name of Jesus be blessed forever and may his joy in the cross overflow to your people. May I know this level of joy.

Jesus is a rock, for his trust is in the Father. Jesus is immovable and I will put my faith in him.

Those who do evil will not be able to hide forever. You always find out. You always see those who are plotting against you. Your righteous right hand will separate those who hate you from those who love you.

¹³ Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!
We will sing and praise your power.

Your wrath is glorious for it stands on justice and makes sure evil will not prevail. Lord, do not let your enemies prevail, swallow them up in your wrath and consume them. Remove them from the earth so they do evil no more. Remove them so they cannot reproduce and teach their children to hate you as they do and perpetuate the lies of Satan upon the earth.

I read the news daily and see evil. I watch the way people treat each other and see evil. People will plot against you. They will seek out ways to destroy your kingdom and your name. They must not succeed! They will not succeed!

Be exalted, O Lord! Be exalted in me. May I be an agent of your strength in the world, singing with praises your power over death so that one day all things will be made right.