

Assurance In God's Work

P SALM 20: A PSALM OF DAVID

1. May the LORD (Jehovah) answer you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you (set you on high); 2. May He send you help from the sanctuary, (church attendance) and strengthen you out of Zion; 3. May He remember all your offerings, and accept your burnt sacrifice (giving, serving). 4. May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose. 5. We will rejoice in Your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners (identify with Him). May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. 6. Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand (authority). 7. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. 8. They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright. 9. Save, LORD! (heal, redeem!). May the King (Jesus) answer us when we call.

Matthew Henry's Commentary (Concise):

Even the greatest of men may be much in trouble. Neither the crown on the king's head, nor the grace in his heart, would make him free from trouble. Even the greatest of men must be much in prayer. Let none expect benefit by the prayers of the church, or their friends, who are capable of praying for themselves, yet neglect it. Pray that God would protect his person, and preserve his life. That God would enable him to go on in his undertakings for the public good. We may know that God accepts our spiritual sacrifices, if by his Spirit he kindles in our souls a holy fire of piety and love to God. Also, that the Lord would crown his enterprises with success. Our first step to victory in spiritual warfare is to trust only in the mercy and grace of God; all who trust in themselves will soon be cast down. Believers triumph in God, and his revelation of himself to them, by which they distinguish themselves from those that live without God in the world. Those who make God and his name their praise, may make God and his name their trust. This was the case when the pride and power of Jewish unbelief, and pagan idolatry, fell before the sermons and lives of the humble believers in Jesus. This is the case in every conflict with our spiritual enemies, when we engage them in the name, the spirit, and the power of Christ; and this will be the case at the last.

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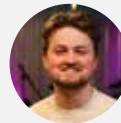
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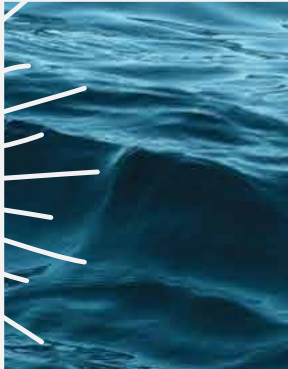
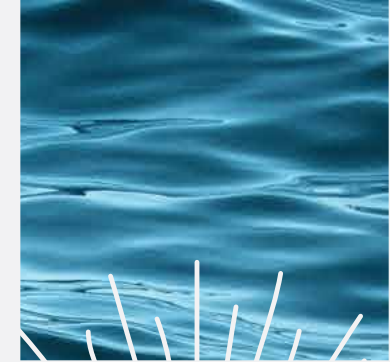


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