

Psalms 21

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The King Rejoices in Your Strength

- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
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- 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.
 - 10** Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

- 11** For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.
- 12** Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.
- 13** Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Glory — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 21:1 **Kingdom:** Psalms 2:6; 63:11; 99:4; Matthew 2:2; Hebrews 12:2. **Salvation:** Psalms 20:9; 62:7; 95:1. **References Lord:** Psalms 28:7

Psalms 21:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 37:4; Hebrews 7:25

Psalms 21:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 18:18; 59:10; 2 Samuel 12:30; 1 Chronicles 20:2; Job 41:11; Romans 11:35; Hebrews 2:9; Revelation 19:12. **Sin:** Ephesians 1:3. **Good:** Psalms 31:19

Psalms 21:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 13:3; 72:17; 89:29; 91:16; 119:77; 119:175; 133:3; Revelation 1:18

Psalms 21:5 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 8:1; 1 Peter 3:22. **Glory:** John 17:22

Psalms 21:6 **Creation:** Acts 2:28. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:11; 43:4; 45:7. **Blessing:** Genesis 12:2; Acts 3:26; Galatians 3:9; 3:14; Ephesians 1:3

Psalms 21:7 **References Lord:** Psalms 16:8; 1 Samuel 30:6. **Faith:** Psalms 18:2; 26:1; 91:2. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:2. **Kingdom:** Daniel 7:14

Psalms 21:8

Parallel theme: Psalms 2:9; 18:1; 72:9; 1 Samuel 25:29; 31:3; Isaiah 10:10; Luke 19:14; 19:27; 1 Corinthians 15:25; Revelation 19:15

Psalms 21:9 **References Lord:** Isaiah 26:11; Malachi 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:8. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 18:8; 50:3; Deuteronomy 32:22; Nahum 1:6. **Judgment:** Psalms 2:5; 2:12; Lamentations 2:2

Psalms 21:10 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 37:28; 109:13; 1 Kings 13:34; Job 20:28

Psalms 21:11

Evil: Psalms 10:2; Ezekiel 11:2. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 2:1; 31:13; 35:20; 83:4; Matthew 2:8; 2:16; 21:46

Psalms 21:12 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 18:40; 64:7

Psalms 21:13 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 46:10; 57:5; 57:11; Job 9:19; Matthew 6:10; 6:13. **References Lord:** Psalms 18:46; 113:5; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Revelation 11:17

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