

# Psalm 21:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

God's granting of the king's heart's desire demonstrates the Reformed doctrine of prayer's efficacy within divine sovereignty. The 'Selah' pause invites meditation on this profound truth: God answers prayers according to His perfect will. The king's desires are granted because they align with God's purposes, illustrating that sanctified hearts desire what God has decreed. This points ultimately to Christ, the perfect King whose desires were wholly aligned with the Father's will.

## Historical Context

Psalm 21 is a thanksgiving psalm, likely sung after military victory. It celebrates God's faithfulness in answering the prayers of Psalm 20. The historical king (likely David or Solomon) serves as a type of Christ, the ultimate King whose requests are always granted because He perfectly obeys the Father.

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

1. How does understanding God's sovereignty shape the way you pray?

2. What does it mean for your desires to be transformed by God's Word?

## Interlinear Text

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desire him his heart's Thou hast given the request of his lips H1077  
H8378 H3820 H5414 H782 H8193

מִנְחָת לְבָדָה:  
and hast not withholden Selah  
H4513 H5542

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 37:4** (Parallel theme): Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

**Hebrews 7:25** (Parallel theme): Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

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