

# Psalm 21: Thanksgiving for victory in battle



## Psalm 21 (20) (Mode 2. 5....31 / 4.....32)

In Psalm 20 the people prayed that God would give victory to the king. Here they thank God for answering their prayer.

### Part One: Psalm 21:1-7

Victory carries with it the promise of many blessings, including long life, authority, glory, honour and joy.

Lord, the king rejoices in *your* power.

He celebrates *your* victory!

You have given him his heart's desire.

You have not refused his prayer.

Think of Jesus' Resurrection: his 'hour' of glory

You came to meet him, blessing him with success.

You have placed on his head a golden crown.

He asked you for life;

you gave it to him for many years to come.

‘Just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself’(John 5:26).

‘God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.’

(1John 5:11-13)

His glory is great,  
thanks to your help;  
you have bestowed on him honour and majesty,  
blessings without limit.

## You have filled him with joy in your presence

‘I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete’(John 15:11).

‘I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves’(John 17:13).

‘I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead’(Philippians 3:10-11).

for the king trusts in the Lord.

Through the kindness of the Most High  
he shall not waver.

‘In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also’(John 14:2-3).

‘I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us’(Romans 8:18).

‘Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.’

(1Corinthians 13:12)

These verses are not used in the liturgy

Lord, you will deal with your enemies  
when suddenly you appear.

You devour them in your anger,  
your fire consumes them.

You destroy their offspring  
from the earth.

For they plotted against you,  
but their evil schemes did not succeed.

You made them turn and run  
from the deadly aim of your arrows.



Rise up, Lord, in your power.

To the sound of instruments we will sing of your strength.