

# Rejoicing in a Strong Saviour

## *Psalm 21 ESV*

### **Psalm 21 as a Snapshot**

A moment in the life of David

#### 21:1, 13 - Main Idea:

Yahweh, the covenant God, is a strong saviour of his people and they should rejoice in Him!

#### 21:2-7 – Recognition of Blessings Received

- 2 – Recognition of God’s goodness in answering the prayers of the King
- 3 – Recognition of God’s favour in blessing the King
- 4 – Recognition of God’s protection in preserving the King
- 5 – Recognition of God’s glory in the King (glory derived through salvation)
- 6 – Recognition of God’s joy-producing presence in fellowship with the King
- 7 – Recognition of God’s loyal love as the basis for the success of the King

#### 21:8-12 – Declaration of Blessings Anticipated

- Victories haven’t happened yet; points to future triumph
- 8 – Declaration of the certainty of the triumph
- 9-10 – Declaration of the totality of the triumph
- 11-12 – Declaration of the justice of the triumph

### **Psalm 21 as a Photo Album**

- The entire life of David and God’s dealings with him

Covenants:

- Grudem: An unchangeable, divinely imposed legal agreement between God and man that stipulates the condition of their relationship.
- Davidic Covenant:
  - **2 Samuel 7:8-17 ESV**
- Six Elements
  1. A great name – “His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him.”
  2. A firm place for Israel – God will find all Israel’s enemies and consume them
  3. Rest from his enemies – God will destroy the offspring and descendants of Israel’s enemies
  4. An eternal house – an unending line of heirs or an undying heir
  5. An eternal kingdom – a kingdom that would last forever
  6. An eternal throne – a ruler on heaven’s eternal throne

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant. He is the king who establishes the eternal rule of God through his administration of his own eternal covenant. He is the one with the greatest name. He is the one who establishes an eternally firm place for his people. He is the one who give his people never-ending rest from all of their enemies.

### Psalm 21 as a Documentary

The history of the universe; the history of redemption – in the psalm we can see hints of a much bigger story than can be encapsulated in a snapshot or a photo album

#### Covenants:

**“At the centre of a plan to restore his ruined world and bring it to serve his original intentions are a series of agreements called covenants.”**

- The covenant with creation in which humanity stewards God’s creation as a loyal-loving Son
- Next, the covenant with Noah reestablishes the commitment of the Creator to his creation as a whole which was necessary in light of the judgment of the flood
- Then God begins to work through one individual, Abraham, and through his family, to model a new humanity in right relationship with the creator God and with one another and through him to bless all the nations
- The Israelite covenant at Sinai forges the nation into the people of God and governs life in the land and deals, in a temporary way, with mankind’s sin
- The covenant with David institutes a kingship where the rule of God is established among his people since the king is to function as covenant administrator
- God raised up prophets to call attention to the fact that God’s people failed to be covenant keepers - “Because the people had broken and violated the Israelite covenant, prophets announced that God would put in place a new covenant in which not only would he be faithful, but his people would be faithful too.”

“In the old covenant God provided a sacrificial system which allowed for forgiveness of sin (Lev. 17:11) and thus "intimacy" between the holy covenant Lord and his rebellious creatures. But as the old Testament makes clear and the new covenant promise anticipates, it was never enough. God must provide in a more definitive way. He himself must come and resolve the problem of sin through the provision a greater priest and mediator, his own beloved Son. It is only in the coming of Christ and the new covenant that the Spirit of God in his fullness is poured out, hearts of the covenant community are transformed, and ultimately the fortunes of a lost creation are restored.”