

Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm of David. Very likely it was written near the end of his life, a time when he knew that the success of his kingdom would be left to his seed.
- B. It appears that he even looked beyond the reign of Solomon to Jesus Christ, his Seed who was to come. There are some fine practical lessons to be gleaned from this Psalm.

I. LEARN WHAT GIVES THE PEOPLE OF GOD TRUE AND LASTING JOY.

- A. v.1 We find joy in the STRENGTH of the Lord.
 - 1. Our God is omnipotent; able to overpower any enemy or any obstacle that comes our way.
 - 2. Nothing will rejoice any person in trouble more than the knowledge that he on side of the greatest power.
- B. v.1 In God's salvation or deliverance we all rejoice.

II. LEARN THE POSSIBILITY OF A PREVAILING PROFITABLE PRAYER LIFE. vs. 2-4

- A. v.2 This looks in prophecy to the prayers of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our example or pattern.
 - 1. Our Lord's prayers were always placed within the Father's will.
 - 2. Never should ours be otherwise.
- B. v.3 When the heart and will of a person are right with God, our Lord many times comes before with His blessings even before we ask. (preventest means to come before)
- C. In connecting these first two lessons together, Arthur Clarke has said, " By prayer, impotence can set omnipotence in motion."

III. LEARN OF THE GLADNESS THAT CAN COME FROM LOOKING ON THE COUNTENANCE OF OUR GOD. vs. 4-6

- A. v.6 We will in the great day of the resurrection look upon the face of our God in glory.
 - 1. We could not look upon His face in our present condition even if He appeared before us.
 - 2. But we can envision our Lord looking down upon us for He sees all and knows all.
 - 3. Nothing can make us happier and encourage us more than to feel that our Lord looks down with an approving appearance glow in His eyes ...a smile on His face.
- B. v.4 Our gladness is multiplied when we think about God having promised that the life He has given shall be forever and ever.
- C. v.5 It gladdens our hearts to know that because of His salvation we shall see Him in His great glory and honor and majesty in our forever life.

IV. LEARN THAT OUR STRONG AND RIGHTEOUS GOD SHALL DESTROY ALL THE ENEMIES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. vs. 7-12

- A. If we look at world conditions, it seems as though evil will win the war of the ages; but not so.
- B. We presently live in the age of grace.
 - 1. God is longsuffering and not willing for any person perish in hell.
 - 2. But the time will come when God's patience shall run out and His wrath will fall upon all the enemies of righteousness.
- C. Our God shall finally overtake, outflank, and overthrow all evil.

V. LEARN WHAT WILL BE THE ATTITUDE OF GOD'S PEOPLE CONCERNING GOD'S VICTORY OVER EVIL. v.13

LESSONS FROM PSALMS Twenty-One

Scripture: Psalm 21:1-13

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- A. We will recognize that God in His own strength won the war over all evil.
- B. We will exalt His Name in this greatest of all victories.
- C. We will sing praises to His great power.

Conclusion:

This greatest of all victories had its beginning on the cross when Jesus Christ died for our sin... It was continued in the resurrection of our Lord and in His ascension to glory.

It shall be concluded when our Lord comes back and finally commits Satan to the fires of hell.

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED GOD TO FORGIVE YOU OF YOUR SIN AND TRUSTED HIM TO SAVE YOU? If you want to be in on the victory celebration, you must do this.