

LESSONS FROM PSALMS TWENTY

Scripture: Psalm 20:1-9

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Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm written by King David and sent to the chief Musician. Most of these were set to music and sung.
 - B. This was written during a time of trouble. Very likely a time of war.
 - C. We will look at the practical lessons it provides for the leaders of a nation and its people in a time of war.
- I. LEARN WHAT A NATION'S LEADERS SHOULD DO IN TIME OF TROUBLE.
- A. They should understand that victory does not come because of superior weaponry; and acknowledged the Lord as the primary Party in any victory. vs. 6,7
 - B. Leaders should CALL on the Lord in time of trouble. v.1
 - C. Leaders should make offerings and sacrifices. v.3 In our time the Lord Jesus Christ is named as the One through which we make our petitions.
 - D. Leaders should be sure that their hearts are right with God. v.4
 - E. Leaders should give counsel that is approved of the Lord. v.4
 - F. Leaders should petition the Lord for guidance and victory. v.5
- II. LEARN THAT A NATION'S PEOPLE SHOULD PRAY FOR THEIR LEADERS IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.
- A. Ask God to hears the prayers of their leaders. v.1
 - B. Ask the God of Jacob to defend their leaders. v.1
 - 1. Why the God of Jacob?
 - 2. Because leaders are generally like Jacob and God defended Jacob.
 - C. Ask God to send the leaders help and strength. v.2
 - 1. Help from outside sources
 - 2. Strength in the leader himself
 - D. Ask God to remember that they asked in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ...the offering and sacrifice through which petitions were made.
 - E. Ask God to grant the petitions of the leaders according to their hearts.
 - F. Ask God to bless the counsel of their leaders and fulfill their petitions. vs. 4,5
- III. LEARN THAT IN TIMES OF TROUBLE A NATION'S LEADERS AND PEOPLE SHOULD BE JOINED IN THEIR PLEA FOR THE SALVATION OF THEIR NATION.
- A. WE (leaders and people) will set up our banners (standards to march behind) in the NAME OF THE LORD. v.5
 - B. WE will rejoice together in THY (God's) salvation. v. 5
 - C. WE will remember the NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD.
 - D. WE will together call on the Lord to save our nation. v.9