

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 20: 4; 6; 7-8

New International Version

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

The Message

Give you what your heart desires. Accomplish your plans.

If anyone knows your heart, the Lord does; since he made you and knew you even before you were born, he certainly knows your heart (or soul). The Bible tells us that the human heart is deceitful in many ways; that man is born into trouble because his heart is, by nature, subject to sin and wickedness. Only because of grace, through Jesus, is our heart changed such that we develop the character of Christ. Grace comes in two forms: Common grace or grace from God that we are endowed with a birth and the grace offered to us in the form of forgiveness and salvation in Christ; the first or common grace is helpful but does not include salvation - but only a conscience and some good deeds or actions; but the second and lasting grace is "for the gold" - *for by this grace you have been saved..*

Now I know the Lord saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand.

That clinches it—help's coming, an answer's on the way, everything's going to work out.

With salvation, our desires become like Christ. We desire what he wants for us and for others which is to be loved and to love just as God loves us and gave his son for us as a sacrifice for our sins and the way to salvation.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

See those people polishing their chariots, and those others grooming their horses? But we're making garlands for God our God.

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Who or what do you trust? The Bible ask a similar question: why do you trust in men or the created; and not in the creator, God? After all, can man or deceitful hearts be trusted? I don't think so; but God who is flawless can and should be trusted; he must trusted because he is certain, reliable, and unconditionally loving. Trust in God and let the trusting of man be settled by God.

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