



PSALM 21

BLESS THE LORD

QUICK REVIEW

LESSON ONE

- » We can bless God by speaking well of Him

LESSON TWO

- » We can bless God by thinking well of Him

LESSON THREE

- » We can bless God by wishing well of Him

LESSON FOUR

- » We can bless God by acting well for Him

ABOUT THIS PSALM

Psalm 21 is really a continuation of Psalm 20. Both Psalms could have been Ancient Israel's National Anthem. David sang this Psalm, and prayed this psalm as a prayer, as well as praised His God through its lyrics. It is quite probable that this Psalm would have been sung as a challenge to the hearts of the people at times of war.

AUTHOR

We are informed in the title that the author of Psalm 21 is David, the son of Jesse from Bethlehem. The title also tells us that David recommended this psalm to the chief musician for use in temple worship.

THEME

The theme of Psalm 21 is all about thanking God, giving glory to God, and especially being thankful for all that He has done for us. It seems to me that there are four areas that we should take into consideration concerning Psalm 21 and the subject of blessing and thanking God.

- » ONE: We can bless God by speaking well of Him. David spoke sweet, holy, adoring, loving, and grateful words about the God he loved so much.
- » TWO: We can bless God by thinking well of Him. Even when we go through times of difficulty, we still must remember how much God has done for us in forgiving us, saving us, and showing us His great mercy, as well as all the temporal blessings He has blessed us with.
- » THREE: We can bless God by wishing well of Him. Jesus taught His disciples that it was important for us to pray and ask for God's will to be done and His kingdom to come into our lives and in the world in which we live. (Matthew 6:9-10)
- » FOUR: We can bless God by acting well for Him. The Bible says in I Corinthians 3:3 that God has made us "Living Epistles" for Jesus. It also goes on to say that our words are not in ink on paper, but written by His spirit in our hearts so that we would minister to people thereby. (paraphrased)

Each and every one of us needs to love God with all of our heart, love and be a blessing to God's people as well as everyone else. We also need to remember that a lot of the virtue in the good things that we do is in how we do it.



PERSONAL APPLICATIONS//PSALM 21

BLESS THE LORD

PSALM 21:1-2: “O LORD, the king rejoices in Your strength. How great is his joy in the victories You give! You have granted him the desire of his heart and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.”

QUESTIONS

Can anyone share about a time when you were allowed the opportunity to speak into someone else’s life through telling them about the glory of the God that you serve? Have a discussion about how important it is that we always be thankful, and talk to God about our appreciation for all that He has done for us.

PSALM 21:3-6: “You welcomed him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked You for life, and You gave it to him – length of days, forever and ever. Through the victories You gave, his glory is great; You have bestowed on him splendor and majesty. Surely You have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of Your presence.”

QUESTIONS

Do times of difficulty mean that we are not still abundantly blessed of the Lord? Have a discussion of how blessed we really are just to be saved, forgiven, and on our way to heaven.

PSALM 21:7-12: “For the king trusts in the LORD; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken. Your hand will lay hold on all Your enemies; Your right hand will seize Your foes. At the time of Your appearing You will make them like a fiery furnace. In His wrath the LORD will swallow them up, and His fire will consume them. You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from mankind. Though they plot evil against You and devise wicked schemes they cannot succeed; for You will make them turn their backs when You aim at them with drawn bow.”

QUESTIONS:

Have a discussion about how while it is important to pray about our needs, it generally is far more important that we pray to God and ask for His will to be done and for His kingdom to come here on earth.

PSALM 21:13: “Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your might.”

QUESTIONS

Have a discussion about how important it is that we as Christians be a daily living example of what God has called us to be. Discuss the attributes of a true believer.

Matthew 6:9-10: “Our Father who is in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

II Corinthians 3:2-3: “You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of human hearts.”