Psalm 20 And 48

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INTRODUCTION

- The psalms that we sing are a means of instruction.
- And we're talking about our God and what our God has done for His people.

1 The Battle Had Not Yet Been Fought

Psalm 20:1–9

- This is most likely a psalm reflecting a time when David and the army of Israel was to go off into battle, to go to war.
- The whole Psalm is actually a petition by the people and perhaps by the king himself to God that the king would be victorious.
- The battle had not yet taken place, and yet the people can confidently assert we are going to sing for joy over this victory.
- Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed. That is actually a verb that's given in the past tense in the Hebrew.

2 The Psalm Rests Upon God and Who God Is

Deuteronomy 17:16; Genesis 28

- Yes, the kings of the earth rely on horses and chariots, but not us, because we will boast in the name of the Lord our God.
- God never sanctions such a use of his name. But the name of God is all about revealing the very character of God.
- They are invoking the name of the God who had been faithful to their forefathers, with the recognition that this God, the name of our God, will be faithful to us as well.
- Elohim stands for might and for power. We might literally say the mighty one.
- This is the God who makes covenant. This is the God who keeps covenant. He is eternal.

3 God in Her Palaces Has Made Himself Known

Psalm 48:1–14; Isaiah 14:13; Psalm 2

- They are both recognition of God's protection. And they are both petitioning God for that protection.
- The striking feature of Zion in this passage, is not the city itself, is that God is in her palaces.
- Zion itself is not considered the stronghold here, only in the sense that God is there. And so God is her stronghold.
- If we were to put a New Testament term that is associated with the loving kindness of the Old Testament, we would simply say grace.
- Men may do righteous things, but God is righteous altogether, is the point.

4 A Picture of the Church Today, True Zion

- Psalm 48 could very easily be made a picture of the church today. Picture of true Zion. That God is in her midst. God is her strength. God is her fortress.
- But now in this kingdom, the true Zion, God is with his people.
- God rules and God reigns over all, and God has subjected all things.
- But there's still the need for protection. He's our stronghold.
- There's never been a castle that was not stormed here on the earth.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let us be the people that consider his loving kindness. Let us go to him and praise him.**

MY NOTES