

Psalm 20 A Psalm of David

¹You people of Israel,

I hope that the Father will answer your prayer when you are in trouble and that He will rescue you like He rescued me. ²I hope that He will send help from His throne and provide support for all of the children of Israel. ³I hope that He will see all of your sacrifices for Him and regard them with favor.

Now stop what you are doing, and ponder the truths I just shared with you. They could change your life for the better.

⁴I hope He will satisfy all of your deepest desires and make all of your plans come to fruition. ⁵Those of us who know and love the LORD will sing for joy about your deliverance, and we will lift up the name of the LORD in response. I hope that the Father will respond favorably to everything you request of Him.

⁶I now know that the LORD has saved me, His anointed king. When I cry for help He will answer from heaven and show His limitless power. ⁷Some rulers put their confidence in weapons of war, but we who know and love the LORD put our confidence in the God of heaven. ⁸Those who trust in physical things have fallen down in defeat, but those of us who trust in the LORD stand up and walk straight. ⁹LORD, You are the King of the whole universe. Please answer our cry for help when we call upon You in our times of need.

Paraphrased for us in our day

¹Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope that the Father will answer your prayer when you are in trouble and that He will rescue you like He rescued me. ²I hope that He will send help from His throne and provide support for all of you who love and serve Him. ³I hope that He will see all of your sacrifices for Him and regard them with favor.

Now stop what you are doing, and ponder the truths I just shared with you. They could change your life for the better.

⁴I hope He will satisfy all of your deepest desires and make all of your plans come to fruition. ⁵Those of us who know and love the LORD Jesus Christ¹ will sing for joy about your deliverance, and we will lift up the name of the Christ in response. I hope that the Father will respond favorably to everything you request of Him.

⁶I now know that the LORD has rescued me, His born-again child. When I cry for help He will answer from heaven and show His limitless power. ⁷Some people put their confidence in weapons of war, but we who know and love Christ put our confidence in Him alone. ⁸Those who trust in physical things have fallen down in defeat, but we who trust in the LORD stand up and walk straight. ⁹LORD Jesus, You are the King of the whole universe. Please answer our cry for help when we call upon You in time of need.

Sincerely,

David

² In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ" has been used.