

Confidence for the New Year
Psalm 20

1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you; 2 May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion; 3 May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah 4 May He grant you according to your heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose. 5 We will rejoice in your salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions. 6 Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand. 7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God. 8 They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright. 9 Save, Lord! May the King answer us when we call. NKJV

- I. To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.
- II. May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble;
 - A. David was often in trouble from enemies
 1. Some from within
 2. Others from foreign countries
- III. May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;
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 - B. Defend you
- IV. May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion;
- V. May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah
- VI. May He grant you according to your heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose.
- VII. We will rejoice in your salvation,
- VIII. And in the name of our God we will set up our banners!
 - A.
 1. We will wage war in his name, we will see that our cause be good, and make his glory our end in every expedition; we will ask counsel at his mouth, and take him along with us; we will follow his conduct, implore his aid, and depend upon it, and refer the issue to him. David went against Goliath in the name of the Lord of hosts. #1Sa 17:45. 2. We will celebrate our victories in his name. When "we lift up our banners" in triumph, and set up our trophies, it shall be "in the name of our God," he shall have all the glory of our success, and no instrument shall have any part of the honour that is due to him. Matthew Henry.
 - B. Hymn 459 from our hymn book; There's a royal banner given for display To the soldiers of the King; As an ensign fair we lift it up today, While as ransomed ones

we sing. Though the foe may rage and gather as the flood, Let the standard be displayed; And beneath its folds, as soldiers of the Lord, For the truth be not dismayed! Over land and sea, wherever man may dwell, Make the glorious tidings known; Of the crimson banner now the story tell, While the Lord shall claim His own! When the glory dawns— 'tis drawing very near, It is hastening day by day— Then before our King the foe shall disappear, And the cross the world shall sway! Marching on, marching on, For Christ count everything but loss! And to crown Him King, we'll toil and sing, 'Neath the banner of the cross!

- IX. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
- X. Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed;
 - A. There is no doubt that this Psalm is prophetic concerning the Messiah.
 - B. But then too there were three types of anointing in the Scriptures.
 - 1. Prophet
 - 2. Priest
 - 3. King,
 - 4. Of which David was two if not three of these.
- XI. He will answer him from His holy heaven
- XII. With the saving strength of His right hand.
- XIII. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God.
 - A. Chariots were a symbol of military power.
- XIV. They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright.
- XV. Save, Lord! May the King answer us when we call.