

Lesson 4: Where Do You Put Your Trust?

PSALM 20

Psa. 20:4 May He grant you according to your heart's *desire*, And fulfill all your purpose.

Psa. 20:6 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.

Psa. 20:7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Psa. 20:8 They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright.

Psa. 20:9 Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

Verse 4

- This prayer is asking for God to give you the desire of your heart. There is only one problem.
- The desire of your heart must be His heart's desire. If my plans are to succeed, they must be His plans.
- This verse is not a selfish look at life, it is a self-denied approach to living God's way and not my way.
- Praise will come when God is victorious with His plans in our life.

Verses 6-9

- God will protect His children.
- Those who remain faithful to God and seek His ways will live His kind of life.
- The idea is not to live your kind of life and then ask God to bless your ways.
- God blesses His ways and those who walk in them. A person's success will not promote his position, only the saving power of God's right hand can do that.

- Some will trust in their own strengths and ways-horses and chariots.
- But for me, I will place my trust in the name of our Lord.
- Those who try in their own strength to make things happen for God will be brought to their knees. Why? Because God will not let His servant believe that he can be successful apart from the power of God.

Verse 7. Some [trust] in chariots, and some in horses,....

- Chariots and horses prepared for war; were frightening to those they went against and were greatly trusted in by those that possessed them.
- **Deut. 20:1** "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God *is* with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.
- **Josh. 17:16** ¶ But the children of Joseph said, "The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both those who are* of Beth Shean and its towns and *those who are* of the Valley of Jezreel."
- Horses trained up for war do much execution in a battle by pawing and trampling;
- **Job 39:21** He paws in the valley, and rejoices in *his* strength; He gallops into the clash of arms.
- **Psa. 33:17** A horse *is* a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength. though these are vain things for safety, and not to be depended on, for salvation and victory are of the LORD.
- The Gentiles trusted in these chariots and horses of the sun.
- **2Kings 23:11** Then he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech, the officer who *was* in

the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

- **Hos. 14:3** Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, “*You are our gods.*’ For in You the fatherless finds mercy.”