

One of My Favorite Things: A Trustworthy Name

Psalm 20:1-9

Read Psalm 20:1-9 together:

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah

May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions! Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright. O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

Some names seem to be recognizable to almost every individual in a society: Pepsi, Coke, 3M, the Vikings, the Packers. Some of these names represent products that we enjoy; others represent a sports team for which we cheer. In Psalm 20 David praises the name of the LORD. The setting is “the day of trouble.”

- ? What did David know of trouble? What troubles had David faced in his life?
- ? What troubles are we facing today as the church of Christ?
- ? What troubles are we facing at Berean Baptist Church?
- ? What troubles are you facing personally?

As David faces the battle, he reminds himself, his army, and his nation that there is only one place worthy of our trust; there is only one name that is wholly trustworthy: the name of the LORD.

I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1-2

Where Do You turn?

In the first 5 verses of Psalm 20 David reminds us of some aspects of God’s character.

- ? Look at Psalm 20:1 again. What does this verse tell us about the LORD?
- ? What limitations does David put upon God’s availability in verse 1?

? What characteristics of God does David allude to in verses 2 & 3?

Consider the work of Christ! As we look back at the cross, we can rest assured, if we are children of God, that God is looking upon the holiness of Christ and not upon our faithfulness as the basis of our righteousness.

? What lies does Satan try to tell us about how God looks upon us?

? What other Scripture passages remind you of the truth of your righteousness before God, based upon Christ's finished work?

? What does verse 5 remind us about God?

Where is Your Faith?

Read Hebrews 11:1 and 6.

? How is "faith" defined in verse 1?

? How can we "please" God?

? What does Romans 5:6,8 say in response to the above question?

Faith provides salvation. It is only through faith alone in Christ alone that we can please God. And it is faith that provides us with the security we so deeply long for. Knowing that we stand before a holy God in the righteousness of Jesus Christ is a blessed truth that brings peace and security.

Where is Your Trust?

David reminds us in verses 7&8 to place our trust solely in the LORD.

? What is it today that we may trust in rather than trusting in God alone?

? What might be your "horse" or "chariot"?

? David writes often in his psalms of the LORD fighting for His people. Describe a time when you saw and felt God fighting in your behalf.