

The King is Coming – Part 2

Psalms 20-21

Introduction:

1. David wrote many of the psalms and is listed as the author of Psalms 20-21. David was the anointed king over all of Israel, God's chosen people.
2. God made a covenant with David that He would establish David's house and kingdom forever. Through David's seed, David's throne would be established forever.
3. God will fulfill this promise to David and will do so through the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus Christ was of the seed of David. **Romans 1:3; Revelation 22:16**
 - Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. **2 Timothy 2:8**
 - Jesus Christ will reign upon David's throne forever. **Luke 1:31-33**
4. Therefore, many of the psalms are written by King David, but David is a type or picture of the anointed One, the King of kings, Jesus Christ (David's seed) who will one day reign over the entire earth in glory and majesty.
 - Over and over in the gospels, Jesus is given the title, "*The Son of David.*" He was born of the seed of David, in the city of David, Bethlehem. **John 7:42**
5. Psalm 20 and 21 are examples of prophetic psalms that look forward and anticipate the arrival of **the King** to this earth to establish His glorious kingdom. **Jeremiah 23:5-6; Zechariah, 14:9**
6. Jesus left this earth and ascended into heaven 40 days after His resurrection, but rest assured, the King is coming back! **Acts 1:11; cf. 1 Timothy 6:14-15**

When the King returns:

There will be great justice on the earth.

1. As we look around the earth today, we witness a lot of injustice. Innocent people are hurt. Guilty people go without punishment.
 - Sometimes it can lead us to ask, "Why doesn't God do something about it? Why does God allow injustice to continue on the earth?"
2. There is only one reason. God is extending an offer of grace to this world today through the cross-work of the Lord Jesus Christ. If God were to bring judgment on sinners, the time of grace would be over.
 - The King came to this earth, and the people crucified Him and wanted no part of Him or His kingdom. They placed a crown of thorns on His head and mocked Him. They said, "We have no king but Caesar."
 - After He rose from the dead, Christ (who held all power) could have immediately brought judgment upon the earth and upon sinners, but instead He extended an offer of grace and reconciliation to the people of the earth.
 - God withheld judgment and has been extending a grace period to sinners. God has allowed sinners to rage that He might offer them grace and forgiveness.
3. But one day, the time of judgment will occur. The curtain of His grace will be lifted, and the curtain of His wrath and judgment will fall.

4. When Christ returns, notice in **Psalm 21:8-12** that Christ will deal thoroughly with His enemies. They will incur His wrath and fiery judgment and will be destroyed and taken from the earth. **Matthew 13:41-43**
5. When Christ returns to the earth, in His kingdom justice will, at last, prevail. **Isaiah 9:7**
6. Are you a child of God or an enemy of God? There is no "in between." If you have received God's Son, Jesus Christ, you are His child. If you have rejected Christ, you are His enemy.

There will be great salvation on the earth.

1. As you study God's Word and even secular history, you will find that those who love God and thirst after righteousness have always been in the minority. The world system that we live in is controlled by Satan. **1 John 5:19**
2. Many times this results in persecution against God's children. **John 17:14; 1 Thessalonians 3:3**
3. This persecution and hatred will reach its zenith in what Jesus described as "*great tribulation*." Believers on Christ within the nation of Israel and those who help Israel will encounter a full-scale holocaust unlike this world has ever known.
 - The man of sin, the son of perdition, the anti-Christ will be leading the charge. He will make Hitler look like a choir boy. **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**
4. When Christ returns to the earth, all of this will end. Everything will be reversed. Those who love Christ and righteousness will be in the majority; those who are rebels will be in the minority.
5. There will be total salvation or deliverance from the world system of Satan and his vicious attacks against God's people. Satan will be in the bottomless pit and Christ will be on the throne of earth, ruling and reigning.
6. David foresees this time of complete salvation in **Psalm 20:5-9**. The word "*anointed*" means "Messiah." When the King returns, the wicked are brought down and God's people will arise and stand upright!
7. Psalm 98 also anticipates this wonderful day. **Psalm 98:1-3; cf. Isaiah 52:10**

There will be great joy on the earth.

1. Words cannot describe the joy that will come to this earth when Christ returns. In all of the passages dealing with this time of salvation on earth, incredible rejoicing goes hand in hand with it. For example, look again at **Psalm 98:4-8**.
 - There will be a celebration like you have never seen (20:5). There will be singing, shouting, music, and even creation gets in on the celebration!
2. Where does the rejoicing begin and flow from? Look at **Psalm 21:1**. It starts with the King. Our Savior will **greatly** rejoice and it will flow forth from Him! 21:6
 - Jesus is leading the band, so to speak! Isn't that going to be something when our Savior is leading the earth in rejoicing? Satan is defeated, and Christ is reigning.
 - Many of the psalms are simply expressions of praise in anticipation of the day when the King returns. **Example:** Psalm 96

There will be great glory on the earth.

1. **Psalm 21:2** talks about the heart's desire of the King and the request of His lips. What was Christ's desire and request of the Father? **John 17:1-5**
 - Christ's request was, "Glorify me that I may glorify you."
2. This is exactly what the Father did (**Hebrews 1:3**). Jesus Christ was mocked, abused, scorned, and murdered. But after His sacrifice for sin was accomplished, He rose again and ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He was crowned with glory and honor. **Luke 24:26; Ephesians 1:20-21**
3. One day Jesus Christ will take the glory that He has been given from the Father, and He will bring it down to this earth. He will return from the clouds of heaven and every eye will behold His power, glory, and majesty. **Matthew 24:30, 25:31**
 - Believers at that time will rejoice; His enemies will flee and attempt to hide from His glory. **Revelation 6:15-16**
4. Psalm 21 anticipates this day. The Father anoints Him with the blessings of goodness and places a crown of pure gold on His head. Because of the resurrection life that Christ received from the Father, His kingdom will reign forever. vs. 4
5. Honor and majesty the Father laid upon Him and His glory is great. vs. 5
6. **Habakkuk 2:14** declares that *"The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."* cf. **Isaiah 40:5**

In Conclusion:

1. The King is coming to bring salvation, peace, righteousness, justice, and true joy to this earth. But do you know why Christ has the legal right to do this?
 - **Revelation 5:9-10** has the answer.
2. It is all made possible by the work of redemption that Christ accomplished on the cross when He offered Himself as the ultimate, final, once for all sacrifice for sin.
3. **Psalm 20:3** is an amazing verse. God will bring deliverance to Christ and His people during the day of trouble (vs. 1-2). What is it based on? Why does God the Father do this?
 - It is based on the offerings and burnt sacrifice of the anointed One.
 - Offerings (plural) were non-bloody sacrifices that were given out of gratitude. Christ did many wonderful works of service to the glory of the Father, living a sinless life for 33 years.
 - The burnt sacrifice (singular) was a blood sacrifice that was made for the atonement of sin. Christ offered Himself as that once for all sacrifice for the sins of the world.
4. Christ offered up many wonderful works of gratitude to the Father, but one burnt sacrifice! Isn't the Bible amazing in its precision?
5. The King is coming! Are you ready and prepared? Are you at peace with this King? This King died for your sins so you could live with Him forever. Will you receive Him as your Savior today?