

Sunday Night Message

January 6, 2013

*Psalm 20*

Series – The Psalms

**Text – Psalm 20**

### **Introduction**

This seems to be a corporate prayer of some sort. It is either David praying for the people, or perhaps it is David rehearsing the prayers of the people.

It is definitely a national prayer, meaning it reflects the protection of God upon the people of Israel.

### **I The Cries of God's People (vs. 1 – 4)**

"[[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]] *The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;*" - (Psalm 20:1)

*"Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;"* -  
(Psalm 20:2)

*"Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah."* -  
(Psalm 20:3)

*"Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel."* -  
(Psalm 20:4)

*"We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions."* - (Psalm 20:5)

See 2 Samuel 7

God has made promises to David and to Israel.

Israel was in a right relationship with God, which allowed them to be confident in His promises.

God has not promised the some things to His people today as well, but not the same things that he has promised Israel; but God still hears the cries of His people.

## **Notice - God's Help Comes from the Sanctuary**

Notice that their help came from the sanctuary, because that was the place where God dwelt.

God dwells in the hearts of believers today, but He also dwells corporately within the gathering place for believers - the local church:

*"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." - (1 Timothy 3:15)*

God's people today can expect to get the help that they need from the local church.

*"Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand." - (Psalm 20:6)*

*"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God." - (Psalm 20:7)*

*"They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright." - (Psalm 20:8)*

*"Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call." - (Psalm 20:9)*

## **II The Confidence in God's Promises (vs. 5 - 8)**

God's people trust in God's promises.

What are some of God's promises?

## **III The Contrast between God's People and Their Enemies (vs. 7 - 9)**

God's people will eventually receive the victory, if they just trust in the promises of God; and those that trust in their own strength will eventually fall.