

Questions

1. What are some of the security blankets you have; people or things (other than God), that you expect to give you safety, peace, and comfort, while protecting you from vulnerability?
2. We don't have details about the setting of Psalm 20, but (taken together with Psalm 21) what is happening in Psalm 20? How does verse 9 help you see the purpose of Psalm 20?
3. The people speaking in Psalm 20 seem to have a correct understanding of the order of things. In what way? What is it that they understand about the king, themselves, and the potential for war?
4. Read Psalm 20:3-4 and Psalm 37:4. What's the connection between our desires and our relationship to the Lord? How do you functionally seek to delight in the Lord? Can you recall an instance when He seemed to reshape your desires?
5. How certain are you about the Lord's ability to save and deliver you from or through any circumstance? How have you experienced the Lord's deliverance even as you walked through trials?
6. How formidable were chariots and horses when they belonged to the enemy? What are the common chariots and horses that you feel Satan seeks to use to demolish your trust in the Lord?
7. What are the chariots and horses that you are commonly tempted to rely on in place of humbly crying out to the Lord and trusting Him? What do you need to do to put those off and to put on a deeper trust in the Lord?



The Stronghold for Exiles

Psalm 20

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Psalm 20 reminds us that exiles have only one sure stronghold – one reliable shelter - and our trust and hope for peace and security must always lie in that stronghold. AND, we must not be so foolish as to rest THAT hope and trust in anyone or anything else.

1. The Psalm's Summary (verse 9)

2. The People's Intercession (verses 1-5)

3. The People's Confession (verses 6-8)