

soaking up the
PSALMS

Psalm 21

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Read for next week: Psalm 22

HOW TO STAND FIRM BEYOND THE BATTLE

Timeless Truth: The Lord appoints victory for those who rely upon His faithful love in the midst of their troubles.

Author: David

Royal Psalm - concern either God as King; a human king; or the Messiah King

David's victory over the Ammonites (2 Samuel 12:28-31)

4 ANCHORS

1. Find your joy in the Lord's strength both before and beyond the battles (vv 1-6)

Whose victory was it?

Where did David find joy?

Terrain of our battles

Paul's instruction to Timothy (1 Tim 1:18; 6:12; 2 Tim 2:3; 4:7)

Paul's instruction to the church in Thessalonica (1 Thess 5:14-22)

5 reasons spiritual battles escalate in our lives:

- If you take significant steps towards spiritual growth
- If you invade enemy territory, such as engaging in God's mission
- If you strive to accurately teach and apply God's Word which exposes Satan's deception and tactics
- If you repent of a long-standing stronghold of sin
- If God is preparing you for a great work for His glory

2. Intend to stand firm through your battle because the Lord's faithful love endures forever (v 7)

Intend - to stretch or strain with your mind

hesed - A masculine noun indicating kindness, lovingkindness, mercy, goodness, faithfulness, love, acts of kindness.

3. Regain resilience by remembering the Lord's enemies will not prevail (vv 8-12)

The Messianic King who comes to judge

- *Isaiah 9:1-7*
- *Revelation 20:7-10; 11-15*
- *Psalms 7:11-17*

4. Magnify the Lord because He appoints victories for those who rely on Him (v 13)