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**PSALMS**

**Psalm 20**

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Read for next week: Psalm 21

**HOW TO HAVE VICTORY BEFORE WE FACE THE BATTLE**

Timeless Truth: The Lord Sustains those who Uphold His Name and Call Out to Him for help in their trouble

Author: David

Royal Psalm - concern either God as King, or the human king

Battle - A fight, or encounter between enemies, or opposing armies; an engagement

- David's military campaigns (I Chronicles 18)

What is the terrain of our battles?

**4 PRINCIPLES**

**1. We must unwaveringly uphold God's name prior to our battles (vv 1-3)**

How did David uphold God's Name?

How can we uphold God's Name?

**2. We must unapologetically express our undivided confidence God is greater than our trouble (vv 4-6)**

How did David and the Israelites express their heart's desire for the Lord to fulfill their requests?

What if God doesn't rescue me from a situation where I'm facing trouble because I obey His Word? (Daniel 3)

### **3. We must boast in our Lord because of His character, reputation, and salvation through His name (vv 7-8)**

zākar – to boast for the purpose to remember, to mention, to make known

Who should we boast about?

*Romans 5:2*

*1 Corinthians 1:31*

*Philippians 3:3*

### **4. We must depend on the Lord to sustain us and give us victory in our battles (v 9)**

#### *Take Home: For Further Study*

How does the Lord sustain us when we face the battles in this life?

- Battle of sin (Romans 7-8; 1 John 1:7-10)
- Battle of this world (John 14; 17)
- Battle of Satan (Ephesians 6; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
- Battle of death (1 Corinthians 15:20-58)