

GOD WITH US: WHEN THINGS ARE GOOD
Psalm 21 CSB

For the choir director. A psalm of David. LORD, the king finds joy in your strength. How greatly he rejoices in your victory! ²You have given him his heart's desire and have not denied the request of his lips. Selah. ³For you meet him with rich blessings; you place a crown of pure gold on his head. ⁴He asked you for life, and you gave it to him—length of days forever and ever. ⁵His glory is great through your victory; you confer majesty and splendor on him. ⁶You give him blessings forever; you cheer him with joy in your presence. ⁷For the king relies on the LORD; through the faithful love of the Most High he is not shaken. ⁸Your hand will capture all your enemies; your right hand will seize those who hate you. ⁹You will make them burn like a fiery furnace when you appear; the LORD will engulf them in his wrath, and fire will devour them. ¹⁰You will wipe their progeny from the earth and their offspring from the human race. ¹¹Though they intend to harm you and devise a wicked plan, they will not prevail. ¹²Instead, you will put them to flight when you ready your bowstrings to shoot at them. ¹³Be exalted, LORD, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might.

Psalm 21:1-13 (CSB)

1. We can know that God is with His PEOPLE. (Vs 1-7)

You have given him his heart's desire and have not denied the request of his lips. Selah. ³For you meet him with rich blessings; you place a crown of pure gold on his head.

Psalm 21:2-3 (CSB)

He asked you for life, and you gave it to him—length of days forever and ever.

Psalm 21:4 (CSB)

His glory is great through your victory; you confer majesty and splendor on him. ⁶You give him blessings forever; you cheer him with joy in your presence. ⁷For the king relies on the LORD; through the faithful love of the Most High he is not shaken.

Psalm 21:5-7 (CSB)

2. We can know that God is AGAINST His ENEMIES. (Vs 8-12)

Your hand will capture all your enemies; your right hand will seize those who hate you. ⁹You will make them burn like a fiery furnace when you appear; the LORD will engulf them in his wrath, and fire will devour them. ¹⁰You will wipe their progeny from the earth and their offspring from the human race. ¹¹Though they intend to harm you and devise a wicked plan, they will not prevail. ¹²Instead, you will put them to flight when you ready your bowstrings to shoot at them.

Psalm 21:8-12 (CSB)

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ²in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. ³We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by

nature children under wrath as the others were also. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, ⁵made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! ⁶He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—⁹not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Ephesians 2:1-10 (CSB)

3. We can know that God is GOD ALL BY HIMSELF. (Vs 13)

Be exalted, LORD, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might.

Psalm 21:13 (CSB)

Then Nathan went home. The LORD struck the baby that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became deathly ill. ¹⁶David pleaded with God for the boy. He fasted, went home, and spent the night lying on the ground. ¹⁷The elders of his house stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat anything with them. ¹⁸On the seventh day the baby died. But David's servants were afraid to tell him the baby was dead. They said, "Look, while the baby was alive, we spoke to him, and he wouldn't listen to us. So how can we tell him the baby is dead? He may do something desperate." ¹⁹When David saw that his servants were whispering to each other, he guessed that the baby was dead. So he asked his servants, "Is the baby dead?" "He is dead," they replied. ²⁰Then David got up from the ground. He washed, anointed himself, changed his clothes, went to the LORD's house, and worshiped. Then he went home and requested something to eat. So they served him food, and he ate. ²¹His servants asked him, "Why have you done this? While the baby was alive, you fasted and wept, but when he died, you got up and ate food." ²²He answered, "While the baby was alive, I fasted and wept because I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let him live.' ²³But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I'll go to him, but he will never return to me."

2 Samuel 12:15-23 (CSB)