

BLESSINGS FOR BATTLE

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Psalms 20:1 May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

Psalm 20 is a BLESSING for BATTLE

Numbers 6:24-26 The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Exodus 19:3-4 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

- **We remember the victories God has brought in the past.**
- **We believe for BLESSING even when we are still in the BATTLE.**

Psalms 20:2 May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

A Blessing For Those Who Need Strength

Psalms 44:4-8 You are my King and my God, who decrees victories for Jacob. ⁵ Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes. ⁶ I put no trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory; ⁷ but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame. ⁸ In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.

Psalms 94:18 When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, LORD, supported me.

- **Strength for slippery times.**

Psalms 18:35 You make your saving help my shield, and your right hand sustains me; your help has made me great.

- **Strength for sustaining.**

Psalms 41:3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.

- **Strength for healing.**

Psalms 119:117 Uphold me, and I will be delivered; I will always have regard for your decrees.

- **Strength for deliverance.**

Psalms 20:3 May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

A Blessing For Those Who Are Weary

1 Samuel 15:22 But Samuel replied: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

- **We sacrifice with worshipful faith.**

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

- **We sacrifice with patient expectancy.**

Psalms 20:4 May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

A Blessing For Those Who Are Dreaming

- **What are your hearts desires?**

Psalms 37:3-4 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

- **Where are you seeking success?**

Proverbs 16:3 Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Psalms 20:5 May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.

A Blessing For Those Who Are Waging War

- **Our mouth declares what our hearts believe.**
- **Faith-filled action is a statement of faith.**

Psalms 20:5 May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.

Psalms 20:6-9 Now this I know: The LORD gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand. ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. ⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. ⁹ LORD, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!

A Blessing For Us All

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- **He has anointed us for victory.**

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

- **He is where we place our trust.**

Psalm 20:8 They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

- **He is our strength and foundation.**

Psalm 20:9 LORD, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!

- **Jesus is our victorious King.**