

May the Lord Answer You

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Psalm 20

Praying the Psalms

Setting – Original Setting and Our Setting

Three Word Families

Warfare Language – Victory, Banners (5, 9); Horses & Chariots (7)

King Language – Give victory to the King (9)

Anointed Language – King Language; Later Becomes Important

Four Settings

Four “Pairs of Glasses” to read this Psalm

1 – Prayer for King

Original Setting – Praying for King heading out to war

Read ...

2 – Anointed One

Anointed – A Word with a History

King → Promised King → Jesus is the Promised King

Lord's Prayer – “May Your Kingdom Come”

Read ...

3 – Leaders

Leaders – Warfare Language – Soldiers 1Co 9:7; Phi 2:25; 2Ti 2:3–4

Join God's Mission; Deep Partnership

Anointing Language in NT – We too “anointed” – 2 Cor 1:21–22

Read and Pray...

4 – Everyone

Everyone Warfare Language – Our Fight

Against Sin (Heb 12:4)

Not against People (Eph 6:12)

But against evil spiritual forces (Eph 6:12)

Read and Pray ...

Praying the Psalms

If you are fairly new to the book of Psalms, here are some good ones to begin with:

1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 32, 34, 37, 42, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 56, 57, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72, 77, 84, 85, 91, 92, 93, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 103, 110, 113, 121, 123, 127, 130, 133, 139, 147, 148, 149, 150

Read

Read the Psalm slowly and thoughtfully several times

You may want to read it in several different translations

Ponder

Words and Phrases

Word Pictures

Connections

Interact

God – What do you see here about God?

You – What do you see here about yourself?

You and God – What do you see about your relationship with God?

In light of all this ...

What would you say to God?

What do you think He is saying to you?

What would you say to that?