

## DISCUSSION

CHRISTIANS "CAN APPEAL TO GOD FOR VICTORY AGAINST THEIR SPIRITUAL ENEMIES CONFIDENTLY, WHEN THEY ARE WALKING WITH HIM, BECAUSE HE IS WILLING AND ABLE TO SUBDUE THE POWERS OF DARKNESS. GOD HAS ASSURED US OF OUR ULTIMATE VICTORY."

- DR. THOMAS CONSTABLE
- 1. What is the point (or theme) of this psalm?
- 2. This psalm cries out to God as an intercession on behalf of King David and the army of Israel. The people of God pray and worship the Lord as they trust Him for a victory in battle.

Where do you need victory in your life right now? Who is praying (interceding) for you? Who is someone that you are interceding for at the moment? Can we spend a moment praying for those in our lives that need to see God's victory?

- 3. What does it mean that David knows "that the LORD saves his anointed"? Does this mean that David (or any of God's children) will never see defeat? How do we reconcile a line like this with the reality of our faith and lives?
- 4. Verse 7 exclaims that David and the Israelites will trust in the name of the Lord. David gained that confidence as he meditated on God's character, reputation, and nature. How do we mediate on God? Taking this week as an example, how have you meditated upon God? Where might you need encouragement or practical advice to meditate upon God in the near future?
- 5. Is there anything else that stands out to you in this psalm that you would like to discuss?

## PSALM 20 (ESV)

- 1 MAY THE LORD ANSWER YOU IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE! MAY THE NAME OF THE GOD OF JACOB PROTECT YOU!
- 2 MAY HE SEND YOU HELP FROM THE SANCTUARY AND GIVE YOU SUPPORT FROM ZION!
- 3 MAY HE REMEMBER ALL YOUR OFFERINGS
  AND REGARD WITH FAVOR YOUR BURNT
  SACRIFICES! SELAH
- 4 MAY HE GRANT YOU YOUR HEART'S DESIRE AND FULFILL ALL YOUR PLANS!
- 5 MAY WE SHOUT FOR JOY OVER YOUR SALVATION, AND IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD SET UP OUR BANNERS! MAY THE LORD FULFILL ALL YOUR PETITIONS!
- 6 NOW I KNOW THAT THE LORD SAVES HIS ANOINTED; HE WILL ANSWER HIM FROM HIS HOLY HEAVEN WITH THE SAVING MIGHT 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 COLLAPSE AND FALL, BUT WE RISE AND STAND UPRIGHT
- 9 O LORD, SAVE THE KING! MAY HE ANSWER US
  WHEN WE CALL.