

To Whom Will You Call?

Scripture

“To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you; May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion; May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah May He grant you according to your heart’s [desire], And fulfill all your purpose. We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up [our] banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Some [trust] in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God. They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright. Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.” (Psalms 20:1-9 NKJV)



Commentary

David was a man familiar with war. He faced the mighty Goliath as a youth already knowing from where his victory would come. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but David trusted in his God.

It is so easy to look at our circumstances and think there is no hope. Many are going through difficult times right now because of the economy. I know of men who have been looking for work for a long time. It is very easy to become discouraged when your every effort is fruitless.

However, now is the time to call upon God with confidence! David said, “Now I know the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.” God the Father subjected Christ to the wicked hands of men. If He has such confidence, and Christ had such confidence in the Father, should we not also have confidence in God’s ability and willingness to protect us?

True, He may allow us to suffer for a purpose as Christ suffered for us, but He will never leave us or forsake us. Christ suffered that awful separation that we might never experience it ourselves.

Therefore, whatever your situation today, God is with you. He knows what is around the next corner, and will not be surprised. David said in another psalm, “The steps of a [good] man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds [him with] His hand. I have been young, and [now] am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. [He is] ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants [are] blessed. Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.” (Psalms 37:23-28 NKJV)

Do not despair if you find yourself in difficult times. The Lord is not far from you. Call upon Him to save with His mighty hand.

Prayer

Father, many are facing uncertain times. Please commune with your children that they may take courage in you. Be very real to us that we might make good, holy choices at every turn. You are the God of all creation, from everlasting to everlasting, and your wisdom is unsearchable. We place our confidence in you, amen.