

Dig Deeper

For Summer in the Psalms: A King for the Kingless

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Psalm 21

- **Understanding the Distance:** In what ways does chronological or cultural distance make it harder for you to connect with passages like Psalm 21? What are some other passages of Scripture you find the distance too great to connect with? How might acknowledging that distance actually help us rather than hinder us?
- **The Three-Step Method:** When it comes to reading/studying Scripture, Pastor David gave a process: (1) acknowledge the distance, (2) understand the original context, and (3) prayerfully apply it today. How could you use this method with another challenging passage of the Bible (perhaps another psalm or Old Testament text)? Share an example if you have one.
- The point of Psalm 21 is found in verse 7 - "For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved." How does this central truth shape the rest of the psalm (both the blessings in verses 1–6 and the expectation of victory in verses 8–13)? What does this teach us about the relationship between trust and blessing?
- **Earthly Leaders:** The first application calls us to pray for those in authority. Who are some specific leaders (national, state, local, or even in your workplace/church) that come to mind when you hear this? What would it look like practically for you to pray Psalm 21-type prayers over them—that they would trust in the Lord's strength rather than their own?
- **Longing for the True King:** The sermon says all earthly leaders eventually disappoint us, which should drive us to long for Jesus as the perfect King. Where in your life right now do you most feel the need for a perfect, trustworthy King? How does Psalm 21 deepen your hope or longing for Jesus' return and the full arrival of His Kingdom?
- **Children of the King:** As royal children, we are called to resemble the King. The sermon references the idea that "we become what we worship." Looking at the blessings and character described in Psalm 21, in which specific area (trust, joy

in God's presence, stability, victory over sin/enemies, etc.) do you sense God inviting you to grow right now? What might that growth require?

- **Personal Response & Application:** As you reflect on the entire sermon, which of the three main applications (pray for earthly leaders, long for the heavenly King, or live as children of the King) feels most relevant or challenging to you personally in this season? Why? What is one practical step you can take this week in response to Psalm 21?