

THE JOY OF THE KING

PSALM 21

Introduction:

King David wrote the words, but they are about the greater Son of David.

The Rabbis saw the messianic message of the Psalm in the old days. While it may have been some victory in the life of David that first provoked the Psalm, there are elements in the Psalm that can only be true of the Messiah, the King of Kings.

The Psalm provides an appropriate song for the King on the day of His exaltation to the right hand of the Father. He has just returned from the field of battle, and now stands in the presence of the Eternal. Can you imagine the scene? Even heaven has never seen such a day. He stands before the throne as the One who has been slain. He stands there with the freshness of resurrection life glowing on His face. This Psalm is about that occasion.

It is important that we understand the victory of our King. It is important that we learn to sing His song with Him. Consider His joy as set forth by David.

- I. THE JOY OF THE KING IS THE JOY OF SATISFACTION. (V. 1-2)

II. THE JOY OF THE KING IS THE JOY OF EXALTATION (V. 3-5)

III. THE JOY OF THE KING IS THE JOY OF PARTICIPATION (V. 6-7)

IV. THE JOY OF THE KING IS THE JOY OF ANTICIPATION (V. 8-12)

Conclusion:

When His people hear His song, they take up a song: “Be exalted, O Lord, in Your own strength. We will sing and praise Your power.” His anticipation becomes our anticipation. We anticipate the day of His final exaltation and His final victory over all of His enemies.