



# SUMMER in the PSALMS

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## THE LORD AND HIS KING

### || Group Discussion Guide ||

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Psalms 20 and 21 are royal psalms, and 21 is a sequel to 20. In what ways can we see the relationship between these two psalms? What is the purpose and focus of each?

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Psalm 21 can be broken into two sections: v.1-7 and 8-13. About whom and to whom is most of the first part addressed? The second part?

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In what way do verses 1-6 model for the believer how to give thanks to God?

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While the psalm most immediately reflects the experiences of King David, the words can also be applied to King Jesus. Seen through this lens, what is “his heart’s desire” and the “request of his lips” that was granted? In what sense were “splendor and majesty bestowed” on him?

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We can see a transition in the first part from a celebration of victory to anticipation of future conflict. Is this a pattern we see in the Christian life? How might this be a picture of living in the “already, but not yet” of the time between Christ’s resurrection and his second coming?

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In verses 8-12, the psalm looks forward to the future destruction of the king’s enemies. How do we read this section with Jesus the king in view?

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This second half of the psalm resembles other imprecatory psalms--those that call for the Lord’s judgment against enemies, often with violent language. How should Christians understand and apply such psalms in their own lives?

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Why would David’s victory have inspired joy and celebration in Israel? What are the communal benefits of his success? Why should Jesus’ victory inspire joy and celebration in the lives of believers?

