



TEHILLIM TALKS

Psalms 21

To the conductor. A Psalm of David.

1-2

O Adonai, in (p) Your strength the king rejoices, and in (s) Your **salvation** how greatly he exults! ² You have given him (s) his heart's **desire** and have not withheld the (p) request of his lips. *Selah*

תַּאוּה
(*ta'avah*)

תועבה
(*to'eivah*)
“abomination”

3-7

For You preceded him with blessings of goodness [or “of the good one”]; You placed a crown of fine gold upon his head. ⁴ He asked life of You; You gave it to him, length of days forever and ever. ⁵ His glory is great through Your **salvation**; splendor and majesty You bestow on him. ⁶ For You make him most blessed forever; You make him glad with the joy of Your presence. ⁷ For the king trusts in Adonai, and through the steadfast love of *Elyon* he shall not be moved.

8-12

Your (p) hand will **find out** all Your enemies; Your (s) right hand will **find out** those who hate You. ⁹ You will make them as a blazing oven when You appear. Adonai will swallow them up in His wrath, and fire will consume them. ¹⁰ You will destroy their seed from the earth, and their offspring from among the sons of Adam. ¹¹ Though they plan evil against You, though they devise mischief, they will not succeed. ¹² For You will put them to flight; You will aim at their faces with Your [bow]strings.

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Be exalted, O Adonai, in Your strength! We will sing and chant Your power.

A brief comparison of Psalms 20 & 21:

Psalm 20

Psalm 21

⁴ May He grant you your **heart's desire**

... and fulfill all Your **plans!**

⁵ May we shout for **joy** over Your **salvation**,

...May Adonai fulfill all your petitions!

⁶ ... He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving might of His **right hand**.

⁷ ... we **trust** in the name of Adonai our God.

⁸ They collapse and fall...

... but we rise and stand upright.

⁹ O Adonai, save **the king!** May He answer us when we call.

²You have given him his **heart's desire**

¹¹ Though they **plan** evil against You,

⁶ ..you make him glad with the **joy** of Your presence

¹ ...and in Your **salvation** how greatly he exults!

⁵ His glory is great through your **salvation**;

²You have not withheld the request of his lips.

⁸ ...Your **right hand** will find out those who hate You.

⁷ For the king **trusts** in Adonai

¹¹ ...though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.

¹² For You will put them to flight;

¹³ ...We will sing and praise Your power.

¹O Adonai, in Your strength **the king** rejoices

⁷ For **the king** trusts in Adonai

REFERENCES:

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight (תאוה, *ta'avah*) to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Ezekiel 37:25 They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David My servant shall be their prince forever.

Exodus 2:2 The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was good, she hid him three months.