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Handling Our Responsibilities with the Help of Our God

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“The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! You have given him his heart’s desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips.” Psalms 21:1, 2

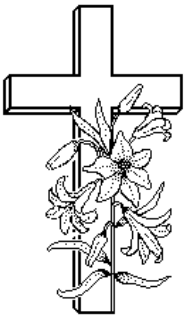
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Paleography (deciphering and interpreting ancient writings), whether on stone, parchment, or papyrus confirms that this Psalm was written by the second king of Israel-David. The message of this Psalm enables believers to gain an understanding of the king’s need for deliverance (rescue) as he lives and serves God within his responsibilities. The Psalm states that the Lord gives strength to the king to sustain his salvation. The readers of the Psalm knew that God met all the King’s needs, verse 2. The language implies that the favor of God had been experienced in the king’s past and is available now and in the future. *Those who are familiar with the life of David know that as a man he made many poor decisions.* David often displayed poor parenting skills, he struggled with remaining focused on his kingly duties, and his moral judgement fell far-short of God’s expectations. Even though David showed many personal failures in these and other areas of his life, he boldly shouts out that God helped him as King and servant.

The scriptures teach that God is not a God of partiality (**Rom. 2:11**). This posture of God suggests that what He does for one believer, He generally does for all other believers. So then, the blessings (favor) of God that were available for King David are promised to all believers. Yet, this does not suggest that God aimlessly blesses people because they are believers. The convictions David had about his relationship with God was the source of his strength to remain faithful to Him in spite of his weaknesses. In **Psalm 21:2**, the scripture says, “You have given him his heart’s desire.” And in **Psalms 44:21**, the Psalmist says, “For He knows the secrets of the heart.” Notice when David sinned, he said unto the Lord, “...*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*” All of these passages together clearly state that God knows the inner state of man’s heart and that man must be open to repentance (**Psalm 51:17**), godly sorrow (**2 Cor7:10**), and be eager to be directed by the Spirit of God (**Rom 8:14**).

God was determined to help David carry out his life responsibilities, because David was centered in on fulfilling God’s plans and purposes. Likewise, as all believers today, strive to be open to God’s daily will for their lives, He will never give up on us and He will help us through all our life challenges and responsibilities. In my experience (over 35 years) of serving in God’s Kingdom, I have observed too many people who give up on God and themselves when they face difficult life situations. After making a poor impulse decision in such situations they soon find that they have jumped out of the frying pan into the fire. Since we know that God is committed to us and will remain faithful to all His promises, shouldn’t we trust Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, while He develops us into the people He called us to become.

Allow me to say lastly that all Christians need to keep in mind that we are not to be circumstance controlled people. We should show the world our stability in Christ as an authentic way of demonstrating His divine power at work in us.

Schedule of Weekly Services:

Sunday

Bible Study 10:30 am
Worship 11:30 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

With much Christian love,
C. K. Stewart I, Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✝ **Youth Activity** – all youth and parents are encouraged to join us for lunch and our monthly nursing home visit to sing songs. **Today** following worship service and every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- ✝ **Toy Drive** – Put a smile on a child’s face this holiday season. The last day to donate a toy is Wednesday, December 12th. Donate a brand new un-wrapped toy or a gift card to purchase toys for ages up to 12 years old. Toy Give Away will be held on **Saturday, December 15th from 10am – 12 noon**. Please see Sis. Woods for more information.
- ✝ **Congregational Cleaning** - Following Toy give away on Saturday, **December 15th** and every 3rd Saturday of each month. All members are asked to help clean the inside and outside of the building.
- ✝ **Ladies’ Prayer Class** –all ladies are encouraged to join us for a time of prayer and fellowship following worship service, **December 16th** and every 3rd Sunday of the month. Place to be announced.
- ✝ **New Year’s Eve Celebration** – Please join us for an end of the year celebration and fellowship, here at the church building, **starting at 6pm**. Please see food sign-up sheet in foyer next week for items to bring.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Usher</u>
Songs	C. Taylor	C. Wilkins
Scripture Reading	D. Bigelow	
Opening Prayer	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Assistants</u>
Sermon	C.K. Stewart, I	D. Clark & C. Wilkins
Invitation Prayer		
Communion & Collection	D. Bigelow Sr.	
Welcome Visitors	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Greeter</u>
Benediction	N. Mathis	L. Woods
Cup Collection	Marcus & Timothy	
Mission Collection	Caleb	

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Gospel.....Rom. 10:13-14 & 17
2. Have Faith in Christ.....Eph. 1:13; Heb. 11:6
3. Repent of Past Sins.....Luke 13:3, 24:47, Acts 17:30
4. Confess Jesus Christ.....Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:35-39
5. Be Buried in Baptism.....Acts 2:38; Rom 6:1-6
6. Be Faithful Until Death.....Rev. 2:10

Thank you for visiting the Capital City Church of Christ, where we are striving to worship as the Bible commands. The Church of Christ is God-oriented, Christ-centered, soul-conscious, color blind, and heaven bound. We are ever moving, ever trusting, ever loving and ever serving the interest of our King.

Come **worship** with us willingly as we **evangelize** everyone by making **disciples** who will mature through **ministry** and **fellowship** fraternally. Our minister is available for Bible study and counseling by appointment.