

## In God We Trust



### Who Do You Trust?

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

**Biblical Trust:** [Heb. Batach] The feeling of safety and security that is felt when one can rely on someone or something else. The object of my confidence. **In law** a trust is property managed by one person [the trustee] for the benefit of another [the beneficiary]. We are the beneficiaries through Christ of God's kingdom power.

### Seven Statements of Trust from Psalm 20 We can trust God because...

1. **He Hears Us** [:1] In the 'day of trouble' and any other day God is always listening. And if He hears us—He has an answer. However, we must talk to Him for Him to hear us. See *1 John 5:14-15*
2. **He Will Defend Us** [:1] The Heb word for 'defend' means to be put in an inaccessible place. All power resides in the 'name' of God—the power to deliver Jacob [Israel] from bondage and you and I from the enemy. See *Eph 1:19-23*.
3. **He Will Send Help** [:2] The word help means to 'surround or give aid'. Sanctuary [kodesh] means holiness and here the Holy of Holies—where the Ark of the Covenant was. This represents all of the 'promises' of our covenant-God. He will send help because He has promised help.
4. **He Will Send Strength** [:2] Zion represents the temple and we are now the temple of the Holy Spirit [*1 Cor 6:19*]. His Spirit will be a help in us.
5. **He Will Fulfill our Desires** [:4] Notice that 'heart's desire' is connected to 'fulfill our purpose.' Paul says in *Phil 2:12-13*, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." When our 'desires' are His 'desires' [will] we know they will be fulfilled.
6. **He Answers our Prayer** [:6] 'Now I know...' implies that the victory [answer] is already ours—even if we have not fully entered into it. Jesus taught us to pray, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." [*Matt 6:10*]. Lastly—heaven's answer is always in the 'strength' and power of the Lord—not in our attempts to manipulate and control life.
7. **He Is Our Trust** [:7] Trust is implied in this verse by connecting 'remember' with His 'saving strength of His right hand,' from vs :6 His Name [Heb 'shem'] in vs :1. The quickest way to lose our confidence is to forget what God has done for us and who He is.

### Psalm 20:1-9 (NKJV)

- :1** **May the LORD** answer you in the day of trouble;  
**May the name** of the God of Jacob defend you;
- :2** **May He send** you help from the sanctuary,  
And strengthen you out of Zion;
- :3** **May He remember** all your offerings,  
And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah
- :4** **May He grant** you according to your heart's desire,  
And fulfill all your purpose.
- :5** **We will** rejoice in your salvation,  
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners!  
**May the LORD** fulfill all your petitions.
- :6** **Now I know** that the LORD saves His anointed;  
**He will answer** him from His holy heaven  
**With the saving strength** of His right hand.
- :7** **Some trust** in chariots, and some in horses;  
**But we will remember** the **name** of the LORD our God.
- :8** **They have** bowed down and **fallen**;  
**But we have risen** and stand upright.
- :9** Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

