



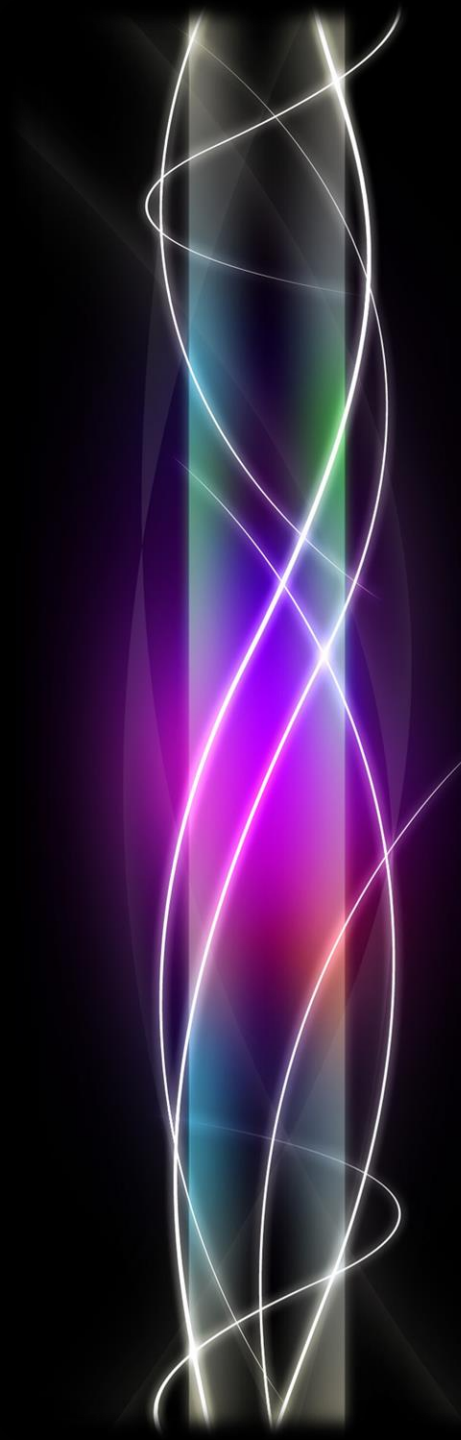
**Lifelines
of Joyful Praise**

Psalm 21







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- **Looking backward to Psalm 20 we see the PRAYER of the King.**
 - **Looking inward to Psalm 21 we see the PRAISE of the King.**
 - **Looking forward to Psalm 22 we see the PAIN of the King.**

- 1. Joyful praise comes when we RELY on the STRENGTH of God (vs. 1a). “The King shall have joy in your strength, O LORD.”**
- **Hannah’s song of praise concludes with a comparison of divine and human strength (1 Samuel 2:10).**
 - **“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” (Neh. 8:10)**
 - **“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:13)**

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2. Joyful praise comes when we **REFLECT** on the **SALVATION** of God (*vs. 1b*). *“And in your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice.”*
- **Paul's view on praise and salvation**
(Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14)

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3. Joyful praise comes when we RECEIVE answered PRAYERS from God (vv. 2-4).

“You have given him his hearts desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips.”

- **God gave David his desires (vs. 2).**
- **God led David with goodness (vs. 3).**
- **God lavished him with life (vs. 4).**

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4. Joyful praise comes from **RESTING** in the **PRESENCE** of God *(vs. 6)*.

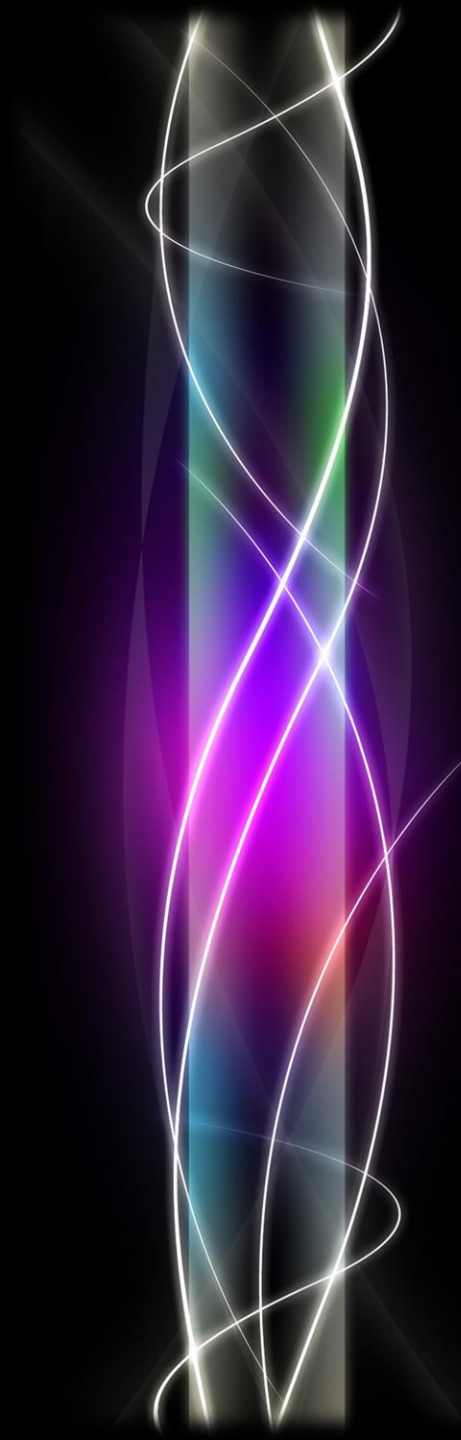
- Joy is our flag.
- Trust is our anchor.

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5. Joyful praise comes from **RIGHTLY** viewing the **ENEMIES** of God (*vv. 8-13*).”

- God’s Judgment on enemies is ...
 - *all-consuming*
 - *awful*
 - *appropriate*

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- **How are your lifelines of spiritual joy?**
 - **Are you relying on God's strength?**
 - **Are you reflecting on God's salvation?**
 - **Are you recognizing answered prayer?**
 - **Are you resting in God's presence?**
 - **Are you rightly viewing God's enemies?**