



**NO  
OTHER  
gODS**

*— 30 Days of Worship —*

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— *Baal / Protection / Voice* —

## READ

### *Psalm 20*

*<sup>1</sup> May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!*

*May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!*

*<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion!*

*<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfill all your plans!*

*<sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your salvation,  
and in the name of our God set up  
our banners!*

*May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!*

*<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord saves his  
anointed;*

*he will answer him from his holy  
heaven*

*with the saving might of his right  
hand.*

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*<sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord  
our God.*

*<sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall,  
but we rise and stand upright.*

### **REFLECT**

Psalm 20 is a prayer for King David, asking God to grant him success. The people are asking God to answer the cries of the king, protect him from his enemies, send him help, and support him. All of this is seen as “salvation” in verse 5, and God is given the credit for being the One who will fulfill all the needs of the king.

Baal was the god that the enemies worshiped in the high places, and oftentimes, as cultures lived among each other, some of God’s people succumbed to worshiping

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Baal whenever it seemed like perhaps the Jehovah wasn't coming through for them. The God of Jacob made his dwelling in the sanctuary, right in the midst of his people. They didn't need to climb to any high places to worship him or to seek his help. And yet they were so easily deceived into turning their gaze onto those high places and wandering off.

What are the "high places" where you sense yourself wandering for protection? When life feels out of control, are you remembering to cry out to the One True God and turn your heart toward trusting in his help?

### **RESPOND**

Use your voice to worship the God of Jacob. He is the only One who can protect you from the enemies

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that seek to kill and destroy you. Proclaim the truth that this Psalm holds:

God answers you when you call. *Say out loud that you believe it and will wait for his answer.*

His name is your protection. *You do not need to defend yourself.*

He is trustworthy. *Choose to speak out against the counterfeit strength that "chariots and horses" hold for you.*

God is near you. *Use your voice to shout for joy, and thank him for his salvation!*

Take a few minutes to worship and tell God that His Name is Victory!

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