

**"In God We Trust"**  
**Psalm 20:1-9**  
**New Years Services Dec 30, 2007**

Philippians 3:13

Psalm 20 Prayer, For Victory then Psalm 21 Praise, For Victory.

Revelation 1:6

The Psalm falls into three natural divisions:

- 1. Verses- 1-5 Prayer For Help:** The people's prayer for the King.
- 2. Verses- 6-8 Assurance Of Help:** We have the King's response.
- 3. Verse- 9 Persistence In Prayer:** A benediction by the people.

**1. Verses- 1-5 Prayer For Help:**

Why does he say "the God of Jacob"?

In the New Testament it is Peter -

In the Old Testament it is Jacob -

Hebrews 11:21 worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

The procedure by which the help of the God of Jacob will come to us: (2 Forms)

Psalm 20:2

1. Help from Scripture: "help from the sanctuary"!

Psalm 73:16-17

For us the sanctuary is the Scriptures.

## 2. Help from Prayer: And support you from Zion!

**Zion** - is another name for "*Jerusalem, the capital of the kingdom, the headquarters.*"

In the Scriptures it stands as – "*a symbol of the invisible kingdom of God with which we are surrounded, made up of ministering angels sent forth to minister to those who are to be the heirs of salvation.*"

### **Luke 22:43-44**

#### **The Basis and the Guarantee upon which Help Rests:**

#### **Psalms 20:3**

**Meal offerings** - *Perfection of Jesus Christ. His blameless character. No leaven.*

**Burnt Offering** – *Total Dedication, total surrender of Jesus. He is the great sacrifice.*

How do we know that God will help us in the reading of Scripture and in Prayer? **Because of the sacrifice of the Son of God.**

**"Selah,"** It means, "*Stop and think, pause for a moment and think about this.*"

Romans 8:32

The Extent to which this Help is Available:

Psalm 20:4

The fellowship of rejoicing, which God's help always produces:

Psalm 20:5

## **2. Verses- 6-8 Assurance Of Help:**

Psalm 20:6

2 Corinthians 5:20

Philippians 1:19-20

Psalm 20:7-8

## **3. Verse- 9 Persistence In Prayer:**

### **Psalm 20:9**

We see there an implied promise of continued prayer. *"Give victory to the king, as we keep calling upon you, O Lord."*

### **Application:**

1. Prayer –
2. Word –
3. Fellowship –
4. Ministry –