

Feeling the Reality of God's Love and Justice

Psalm 21 *Speaker: Ben Daniel*

Review

Some people are open books, easily showing their emotions. Others feel deeply but keep their hearts guarded. Wherever you fall on that spectrum, today's psalm invites you to *feel with David*. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you process these words so that they stir your own heart before God.

This psalm unfolds like two wings balanced on a central truth. It is a song—poetry meant to be experienced more than analyzed.

Wing 1: vv. 1–6 – A Celebration of God's Salvation

David rejoices in God's deliverance. The Lord has answered his longings, rescued him from danger, and given him the hope of eternal life.

Central Truth: v. 7 – A Statement of Faith through Grace

David anchors his confidence in God's steadfast love. Because of this, he remains unmoved by the chaos of life.

Wing 2: vv. 8–13 – A Celebration of God's Justice

David declares that God Himself will deal with His enemies. Wrath belongs to the Lord, not to David. This truth frees him—and us—from the burden of revenge.

The psalm closes in praise: *"We will sing and praise Your power."*

It can be hard to grasp how the God of love and grace also executes fierce judgment. Yet Scripture repeatedly shows that justice demands evil be confronted. God's holiness will not allow wickedness to endure forever. Still, vengeance is not ours to carry out. Instead, we can rest in His wisdom, enjoy His blessings, and walk closely with Him. Our calling is to respond with love—toward both friend and enemy—trusting that God alone will bring perfect justice.

Additional Reflection from Pastor Russ today, inspired by chapter 18 of *Abiding in Christ* by Andrew Murray.

If abiding in Christ is our first aim, let us be aware of all needless excitement. There is the restlessness and worry that come from the care and anxiety about earthly things that eat away the life of trust and keep the soul like a troubled sea.

Blessed is the man who learns the lesson of stillness and quietness.

Quietness is blessedness. Quietness is strength. Quietness is the secret of all true abiding.

When the soul is hushed the Spirit will be heard.

Rejoice
This Week's Songs

[House of the Lord](#)
[Firm Foundation \(He Won't\)](#)
[Same God](#)

Studying the art of abiding in Christ: There is nothing more necessary, there is nothing more profitable, than the stillness of the soul

Abiding in Christ is an art - We must cultivate times of stillness and in quietness into our day until it becomes a habit of the soul.

Scriptures to Ponder: Isaiah 30:15 ESV, Psalm 37:7 ESV, Psalm 62:1 NASB, 1 Thessalonians 4:13 ESV

Remember

Psalm 21 reminds us that God saves, sustains, and will bring justice. Our role is not vengeance but trust—resting in His love, enjoying His blessings, and responding with praise.

Read

Review: Psalm 21

Read ahead: Psalm 22

Reflect

When you read David's celebration of God's salvation (vv. 1–6), what specific ways has God rescued or sustained you recently?

Verse 7 shows David's confidence in God's steadfast love. What helps you remain steady when life feels chaotic?

How do you respond to the tension of a loving God who also judges evil? What truths help you rest in His justice rather than seek revenge yourself?

In light of recent painful events in our country, how can this psalm, and the words from *Abiding in Christ*, guide your prayers—balancing grief, trust, and praise?

Respond

Identify one area where you've been tempted to seek control, justice, or revenge on your own. This week, release it to God in prayer, affirming His steadfast love and perfect justice. Each time that burden returns to mind, pause and turn it into praise—thank Him specifically for one way He has shown His salvation or blessing in your life.