

Loving God When Life Finally Works

2 Samuel 2:1-4; 5:1-5

Psalm 20:6-9; Psalm 21

From the Wilderness to the Throne

After many years of **trial** intermingled with **tragedy**, David finally experiences the **triumph** that was promised him at his anointing.

Anointed as a teenager, he endured Saul's pursuit, wilderness hiding, and near-constant warfare. Finally, in Hebron, he is anointed king – first over Judah, and then over all Israel. At thirty years old, the promise is fulfilled.

But David would discover that it's not just **hardship** and **difficulty** that shapes and challenges a person. It's also **success** and **prosperity**.

Some Dangers that Accompany Success

Heightened _____ – the 'guard' comes down

Bad _____ – blessing becomes entitlement

Self-_____ – desperation fades and dependence erodes

Spiritual _____ – the urgency of seeking God diminishes

How to Keep your Spiritual Edge – and Fuel Your Love for the Lord – in a Season of Plenty

(A Few Lessons from Psalm 21)

Take time to _____ with _____.

_____ God by enjoying His _____.

As you _____ God for the past, actively _____ Him for the future.

In the _____ you've been given, make _____ of God.

Conclusion – What Now?