

“For the king trusts in the Lord. The unfailing love of the Most High will keep him from stumbling.” Psalms 21:7 NLT

## [lectio] // PSALM 21

The blessing for a king who follows God, “You welcomed him back with success and prosperity. You placed a crown of finest gold on his head. He asked you to preserve his life, and you granted his request. The days of his life stretch on forever. Your victory brings him great honor, and you have clothed him with splendor and majesty. You have endowed him with eternal blessings and given him the joy of your presence.” This is for a king. Is there any comparisons for this blessing as a pastor of a church or a leader of an organization, or even a country? Can these qualities of long life, successes, and achievements transfer to anyone who listens and is lead themselves by God? What a confident blessing that would be to lead knowing that God himself not only loves them, but keeps them from stumbling! Doesn't every leader want to live a stumble-free life? I know I do. I'm not talking failure, those are expected. I'm taking about self imposed blunders morally or ethically that catapult a person out of the seat of authority. Does the Most High help by keeping a great leader out of those dilemmas? It seemed, for much of the time, he did for David.

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

It's not that a leader should strive after this ultimate blessing, but instead, be striving for a complete and total humble dependency on you. Where decisions and ideas are based on your desires and not their own. They fight to keep the selfish and powerful motivations of comfort, control and nepotistic cycles from taking over their thoughts, from consuming their innocence. What leader, whether king, pastor, president or leader can stay in that kind of seat of power and NOT be corrupted? And if they can, does that make for a successful reign with blessings listed above?

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root