



## **In what/whom do you trust?**

Psalm 20:7 “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” Although the Psalm is attributed to David, many scholars believe that the last three verses (including this verse) were added by King Hezekiah, who relied on God to protect Jerusalem from the Assyrian king, Sennacherib, and his army of 185,000 soldiers. 2 Kings 19 reports that the army was destroyed by the angel of the Lord in one night. 2 Kings also tells us that “Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him.”

Having just experienced another July 4th weekend, I have remembered (as I am sure you did) those that fought for our independence, and I particularly enjoy reviewing the symbols that we, as a nation, hold dear. One of the most interesting is our national motto, ‘In God We Trust’. That’s correct! That phrase has been around our nation since its beginning, being used by Francis Scott Key in the last verse of the Star Spangled Banner “In this be our motto, In God is our trust.” It has been included on our coinage since 1864. In 1954, the Congress added the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance, and in 1956, the Congress passed two laws: one making the phrase “In God We Trust” the national motto, and placing the same phrase on our currency.

We seem to be a nation that says it trusts in God. Do we act like it? Do we hold God and His promises above everything else? Psalm 20:7 mentions some of the things we might trust in....Chariots and horses could mean ‘power’. Some of us trust in ‘money’ or our ‘jobs’ for security...But Scripture tells us that real success came from trusting in the Lord our God.

Could it be true....no matter what we hear or read today, from those that would tell us to trust in something else, God tells us to trust in Him? Our fore-fathers believed that. We see the failure of human power, wealth and opportunities around us. We have witnessed the failure of family and friends when we needed them most. We know of only One that we can trust.

He alone has provided for us in every way. He alone is worthy of not just our trust, but glory, honor and praise. He is our God, and ‘In God We Trust’.