

The background of the slide features a photograph of a church building with a prominent steeple. The church is light-colored with a brown roof. The scene is framed by vibrant autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, which are slightly out of focus, creating a warm and seasonal atmosphere. The sky is a soft, pale yellow.

# **The Church And Its Leaders In Times of Crisis**

**Psalm 20**

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## **Psalm 20**

**20 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;**

**<sup>2</sup> Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;**

**<sup>3</sup> Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.**

**<sup>4</sup> Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.**



**5 We will rejoice in thy salvation,  
and in the name of our God we will  
set up our banners: the LORD fulfil  
all thy petitions.**

**6 Now know I that the LORD saveth  
his anointed; he will hear him from  
his holy heaven with the saving  
strength of his right hand.**



**7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.**

**8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.**

**9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.**



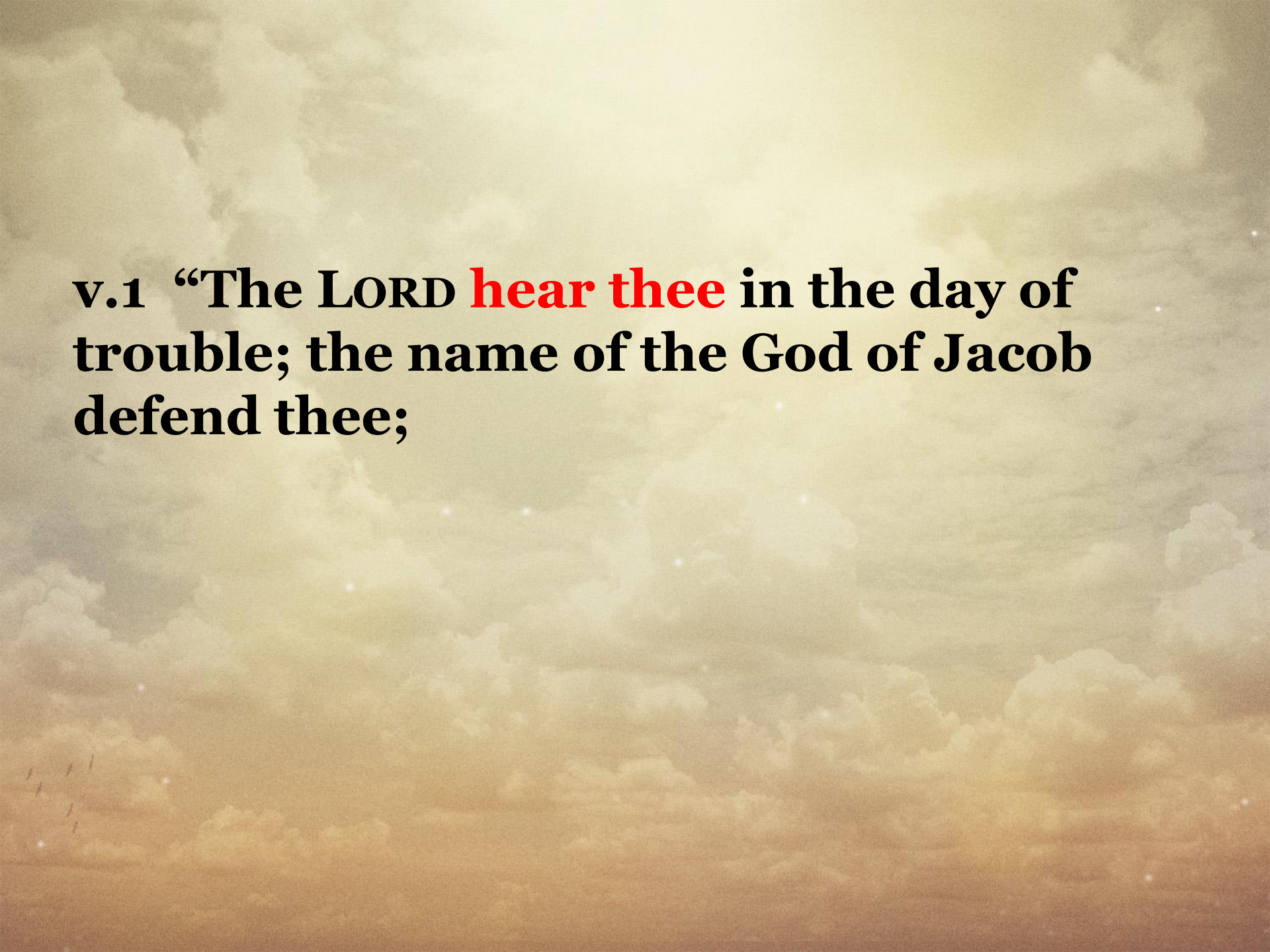
**“The psalm divides into two parts. First the voice of the people is raised, probably through their representatives, the Levites and the priests. Then the king responds. In the first half of the psalm the people want help from their leader (20:1-5).**

**In the second half the prince wants help from the Lord (20:6-9). In a time of national crisis the people turn to the nation's leaders and say: "this is what we are expecting from you!" Challenged, and awed by the responsibility of committing the people to the horrors of conflict, the leaders turn to God and say: "Lord, this is what we need from you in this time of national emergency."**

**John Phillips**

**I. In order for the leader to help the people, they encourage the leader in the following areas: (vs. 1-5)**

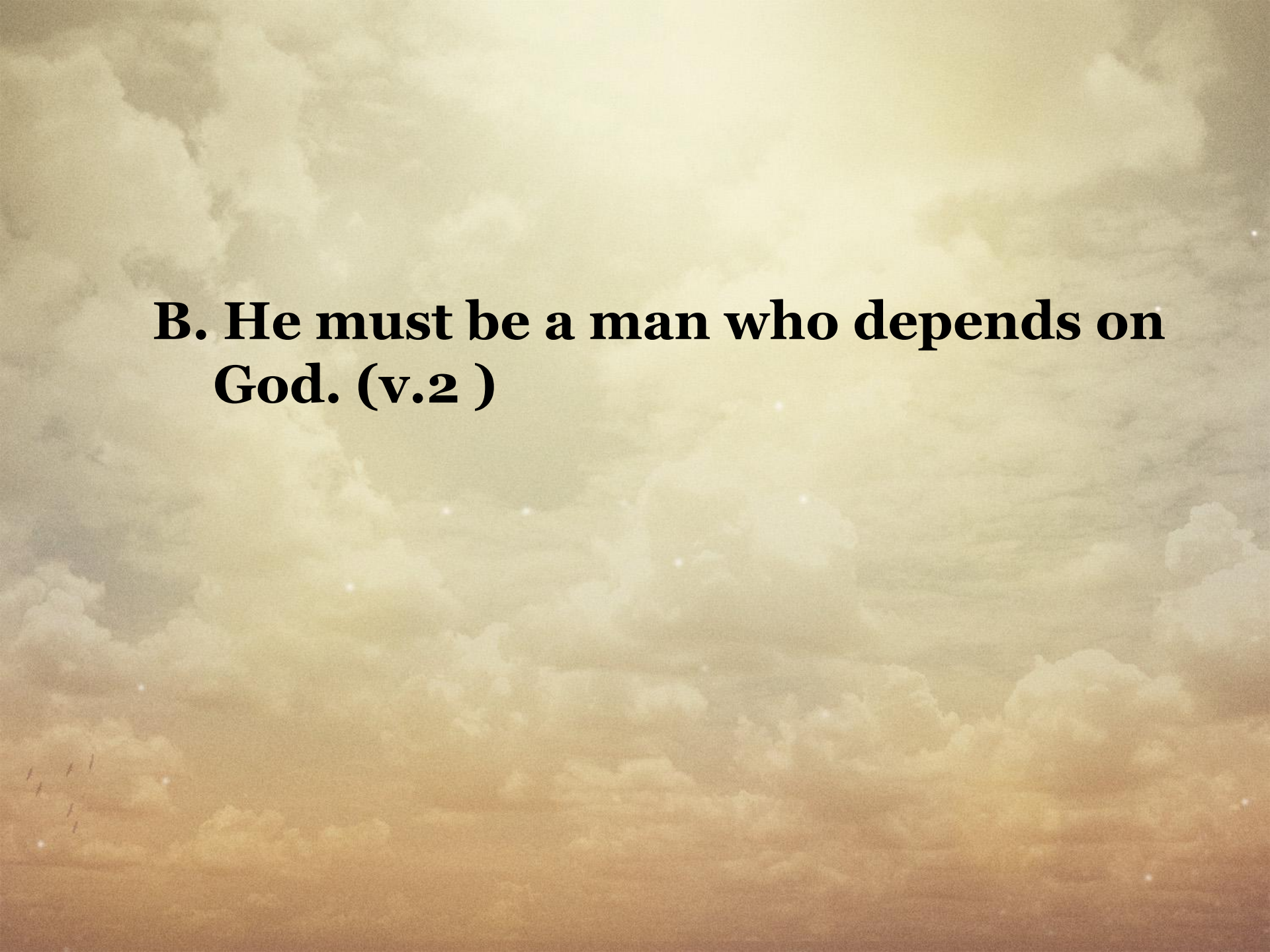
**A. He must be a man of prayer  
(vs. 1, 4, 5)**



**v.1 “The LORD **hear thee** in the day of  
trouble; the name of the God of Jacob  
defend thee;**

**4 Grant thee according to  
thine own heart, and  
fulfil all thy counsel.**

**5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and  
in the name of our God we will set up  
our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy  
petitions.**



**B. He must be a man who depends on  
God. (v.2 )**

**<sup>2</sup> Send thee help from the  
sanctuary, and strengthen  
thee out of Zion;**

**C. He must be a man of  
worship.(v.3)**

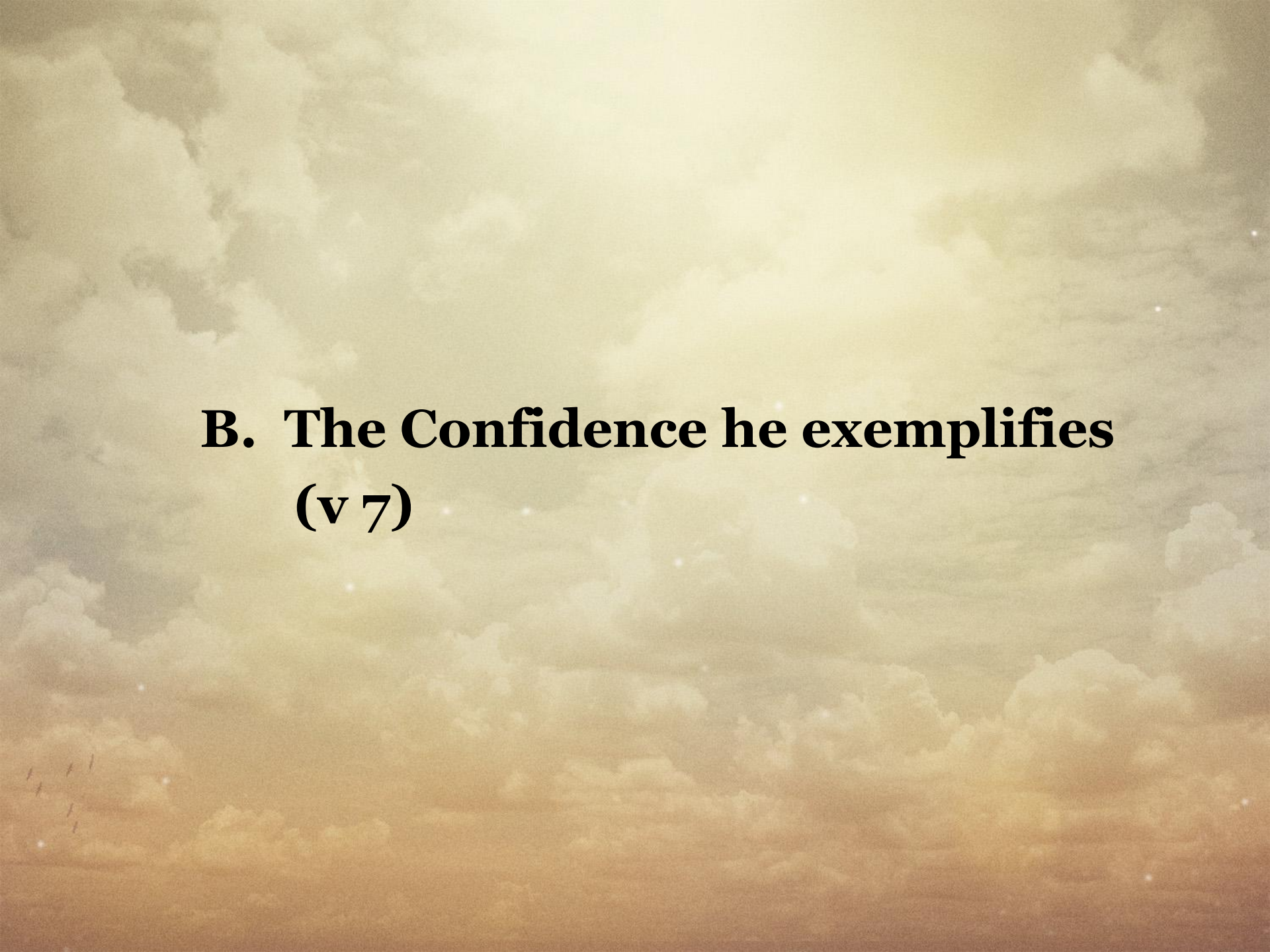
**3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.**

**II. In order for the leader to help the people, the leader must get his help from the Lord (Vs. 6-9)**

**A. The Certainty he expressed**

**V. 6**

**<sup>6</sup> Now know I that the LORD saveth his  
anoointed; he will hear him from his  
holy heaven with the saving strength  
of his right hand.**



**B. The Confidence he exemplifies**  
**(v 7)**

**7 Some trust in chariots, and some  
in horses: but we will remember  
the name of the LORD our God.**



**C. The Conquest he expected  
(vs. 8-9)**

**8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.**

**9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.**