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Bible Study ... Psalms Chapter 29 A Psalm

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Reflection:

Psalms Chapter 8 was David Meditation in a moon-light night.

Psalms Chapter 19 on a sunny morning.

Psalms Chapter 29 David “probable wrote this Psalm at a time of great storm of thunder, lightning and rain. “This psalm is a “hymn, describing the advent of Yahweh in a storm.

David was a Shepard of Sheep, as he describes the storm, he tracts the storm entering from the Lebanon coast and ravaging the mighty forest of MT Hermon. David watches it sweep across the Nation of Kadesh. But through it all he hears the roaring thunder of God’s voice, as he worships God in His Holiness. (One Year Book of Psalms)

This Psalm of David is a Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty.

Brief history: Israel’s neighbors (Canaanites) worshiped Baal as their storm god, responsible for rain, storms and controlled the rain and fertility.

This “Psalm makes it clear that Yahweh is the **true God** of rain and storms. It pictures a Yahweh-created storm sweeping away the Baal influence affecting Israel.” (Bible Commentary)

Jewish worshipers today “use this Psalm in the Synagogues as a part of their celebration of Pentecost”.

It magnifies the sovereignty of God and the power of God in His creation, which bring glory to God.

Psalms 29:1-11 NKJV The voice of God in the thunder storm and lighting.

V1 "Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

· **Give** (Ascribe) mean to come or pay attention.

· **Glory** in Hebrew 3519 Kabode—full of thought, plentiful and abundantly,

We are called to glorify God in everything we do. This is why scripture ”Isaiah 43:7 NKJV. says “Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”

So then, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you may do, do all for the honor and glory of God.” (1Corinthians 10:31 (AMPC))

Here are a few ways we can glorify God:

- Praise Him with your lips (Psalm 63:3 nkjv says “Because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.
- Obey His word
- Be faithful
- Live honorable
- Pray in Jesus name

John 14:13 NKJV says “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son”

- Be fruitful
- Produce spiritual fruit
- Seek the good of others
- Give generously

V2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

We give God the glory because it is His due, no one else deserves the praise that glorify God.

Scripture says “I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved /graven images.”Isaiah 42:8 NKJV.

Isaiah 42:5 NKJV “Thus says God the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it:”

Worship in Hebrew and the Chaldee Dictionary 7812 Show-khew means to prostrate in homage to royalty (God), bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, reference.

“In the ancient Hebrew might kneel down, today we often stand in church to sing God’s praise. But whether we’re physically kneeling, or physically standing, whatever our outward posture, as we worship and praise God, it’s as if we’re kneeling. That’s the inward posture and attitude of the soul,

Also In worship, we kneel before God in a spiritual sense. Whether we physically kneel, or stand, or remain seated, we kneel down before God in heart and mind and soul as we offer our worship and praise.”

Psalms 103:1 ampc says Bless (AFFECTIONATELY, gratefully praise) the lord, O my soul; and all that is (**deepest**) within me, bless His holy name.

V3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many water

V4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Let’s pause and take a close look at what water does:

Water has the power to **purify**, to provide **deliverance**, it can **destroy evil** and enemies as in the flood in Genesis chapter 6 and the flight of Israel from Ex14:1-15:21)

Water also **symbolizes spiritually**. Water has been used to **communicate the sacred value of life**; the spiritual dimension of **purification, protection, and healing and redemption** in human life.

The flood waters can look large and threatening, but the Lord reigns as King over it all.

Scripture says in Mark 4:36- 39 says Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

40 But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?”

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

Lesson we can learn, when Jesus slept in the boat instead of **worrying about the storm**, He was showing His ultimate control over it. **His power is full of majesty.**

Jesus is here today to speak to the storms of life and even the internal trouble in our souls and say “peace be still”

So, we must remember in the middle of our troubled storms, the uncertainties of life, our shattered dreams- God is still on the throne, and He is “calming the waters. The voice of the Lord said “Peace be still” God has control over the waters.

V5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

V6, He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion are like a young wild ox.

V7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

In scripture, the cedar tree is sometimes a symbol of a Nation or a Kingdom.

“Lebanon; a place famous for strong trees. The cedar tree symbolizes power, strength and longevity.

Sirion “A Sidonian name for (Mount) Hermon

Lebanon and Sirion are places just north of Israel “that are infested with Baal worship “, they have seemed mighty and immovable. (But will dance when God speaks)

Baal was a Canaanite storm god, known as “rider of the clouds” and often pictured with a club in one hand and a spear of lightening in the other”.

The Canaanites appealed to Baal for rain and feared storms at sea attributed to Baal.

V8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

V9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh" ... The wilderness of the Bible was desert instead of forest. A storm in the desert shakes things, blows sand around, rearrange dunes, it makes people miserable.

In verse 9 the voice of the Lord so frightening, it causes the Hinds (deer) to go into premature labor and deliver their calves.

The object of the Psalmist here is to show the effect of the storm in producing consternation (amazement or fear, lose courage)

This shows the Majesty of the Lord.

V10 The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.

The Lord sits as King forever; the flood was a radical expression of God's authority; His authority did not end generations ago. The Lord continues to sit as King forever.

So, remember in the depth of the waters as we are surrendered by death, pain, heart ache, and agony THE LORD RULES.

THE flood waters can look large and dangerous, but remember the Lord reign as KING OVER IT ALL.

So, let's prepare to hear Him say "peace be still".

V11 The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace."

David rejoiced that the God who created the universe was also in control of the forces of nature and there was nothing to fear. He is Lord of Heaven and earth. It should behoove us to, remember, after the thunder, lightning, wind and rain comes the calm after the storm.

The Lord will give strength to his people, this can be through manifest in ways of material blessing such as food, shelter that gives us physical strength.

He provides with Bible scriptures that it possible for us to know him and his loving will for our lives.

He provides us with 24/7 access to him by prayer.

He guides through life hazards, both physical and spiritual.

He gives us strength and helps us through..... you name it.

Finally, Let's not forget to honor and glorify God in everything we do.

Let's bless the Lord by remembering who God is.

Remember his benefits: forgiveness, healing, redemption, his steadfast love and mercy.

Remember he is on the throne ABOVE ALL'

AMEN

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