

## **PSALM 29 – Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty!**

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### **A Mighty Fortress is Our God! – Martin Luther - Ford**

*1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not His equal.*

*2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same; and He must win the battle.*

*3 That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever!*

**PSALM 29** – This Psalm expresses the glory of God as heard in the pealing thunder. The verses march to the tune of thunderbolts. True ministers are sons of thunder, and the voice of God in Christ Jesus is full of majesty. So here we have God's works and God's word joined together!

### **PSALM 29 – A Celebration of God's Power - Ascribe to the Lord Glory! A Psalm of David.**

*(vs. 1-2) – Call to Adoration – This is also given to us in 1 Chronicles 16:28-29 when King David moved the Ark of God into Jerusalem*

***Psa 29:1 Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.***

***Psa 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.***

- Beauty of holiness – 1 Chr. 16:29; 2 Chr. 20:21; Psa 29.2; Psa 96:9
- Our worship should be accompanied by a holy life! So, David calls us to bless the LORD; to worship the LORD. Then he is going to tell us why – related to the power of God.
- What David is witnessing is a great thunderstorm, that is making its way to the nation of Israel from the north to the south, as described geographically here. As he sees this great storm and the impact tis having upon everything that it's passing over and through, it reminds him of the power of God.
- He begins to the worship the LORD for His power!
- All of us likely have a picture of nature that really wows us and reminds us of the power of God. We think, look at powerful that is. I know the God who has made that. It produces worship within us.

*(vs. 3-10) – The Path of the Tempest is Traced. The Attributes of God's Word are Rehearsed and God Magnified in all the Terrible Grandeur of His Power.*

***Psa 29:3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters.***

- This great thunder is just exploding over this wide vast area of Israel and he is hearing all of t

***Psa 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.***

***Psa 29:5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.***

- Here now we have lightning that is flashing, coming down these lightning bolts, hitting great cedar trees and just exploding them into splinters, into toothpicks. Here is this great thing he is not only hearing but also seeing.

***Psa 29:6 He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.***

- As he watches this storm, he looks at the hills, he looks at the cedars on the hills. The storm is so great, it gives the appearance that all of them are dancing, skipping like a calf.

***Psa 29:7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.***

- The magnificence and power of lightning.

***Psa 29:8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.***

***Psa 29:9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"***

- The storm was so great, so ready or not, here comes the new birth!
- Within minutes of this storm coming in, just wiping out all of the leaves off the trees, just the power of it.
- ***In His temple*** – he’s talking about witnessing this thing, calling nature a temple, because it’s God’s creation. He inhabits the world. Anyone who is witnessing this would cry out in just awe of God’s power and say, “***Glory!***”

***Psa 29:10 The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.***

- He speaks of the implications of knowing God to be this powerful - ***The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood***, at the time of Noah - ***And the LORD sits as King forever.***
- When you’re that powerful, the you’re pretty relaxed! You just sit on Your throne and rule, not anxious about anything that going on in the universe because He has the power to rule and overrule everything for His glory. He’s immovable!

***(v. 11) – Assurance that the omnipotent Jehovah will give both strength and peace to His people. Let heaven and earth pass away, the Lord will surely bless His People!***

***Psa 29:11 The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.***

- LORD, give me strength. Sometimes we can’t put a word picture to it. So, he says, try a storm like this! God has amazing strength. So, God has this strength and He is willing to give His power to us, to strengthen us.
- If I have my proper aspect of God, reigning, reigning over His universe, sitting upon the throne, then it is meaningful to me that the God of the universe sitting upon the throne will give me strength. “Strength to His people,”
- The LORD will bless His people with peace. The idea is, when we understand God to be this powerful, as His children, knowing His heart of love toward us, then it will have the result of us being at peace in the circumstance.

#### **SUMMARY:**

- **The Psalm speaks to us that no matter how great any storm might be in our lives; God’s power is greater still than that storm. He will give us the power! He will give us the peace that we need to navigate that storm! And then there is life on the other side of it!**
- **It’s true and He will do it!**

***And Can It Be? – Charles Wesley – sung by Billy Graham Choir***

*And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain?*

*For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?*

*Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

*[Refrain]*

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