

Psalms of Praise

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Welcome to the Beamsville Church of Christ Online Ministry. This week's message is titled Psalms of Praise. Thank you to Earl, Rhonda and Don for being part of the service. The scripture reading is Psalm 100. Happy birthday to Connie.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100:1-5

Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name for the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Sermon

Psalms of Praise

Today I want to emphasize praise in the book of Psalms. Psalms is sometimes called a Bible within the Bible. There are 150 psalms, if you will. Psalms. And so what I'm going to do is just read today in Psalm Chapter eight. Many of us have sung the song as reading it. Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You have set your glory. Above the heavens from the lips of children and infants. You have ordained praise because of your enemies to silence the fall and the Avenger when I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which have set in place. What is man that you're mindful of him, the son of man, that you care for him?

And then in Psalm 19 verses one through nine. The heavens declare the glory of the Lord. The skies proclaim to work with his hands day after day. They pour forth speech night after night. They display knowledge. There is no speech or language where the voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth. Their words to the ends of the world in the heavens. He has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from this pavilion. The law of the Lord is perfect. Reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and all together righteous.

And then of course, one of the most popular scriptures in all of the Bible, Psalm 23. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me. You're rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 29. Ascribe to the Lord, glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord, the glory due his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. And then in verse 10, the voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forest bare. And in his temple, all cry glory.

Psalm 34, 1 through 3. I will extol the Lord at all times. His praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord. Let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me. Let us exalt his name together. And then in verse 8, he says this, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the person who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

And then Psalm 46, 1 through 10. God is our refuge and strength and ever present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear. Though the earth give way and the mountains fall to the heart of the sea. Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God. The holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her. She will not fall. God will help her at the break of day. Nations are in uproar. Kingdoms fall, but he lifts his voice and the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see the works of the Lord. The desolations he has brought on the earth.

And then in verse 10, he says this. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted on the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress. And praise. I will praise you, O Lord, among all the nations. I will sing of you among the peoples for great is your love. Reaching to heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

And then Psalm 62. Again. My soul finds rest in God alone. My salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress. I will never be shaken because of his love. And then Psalm 66. Shout with joy to God all the earth. Sing the glory of his name. Make his praise. Glorious. Say to God, how awesome are your deeds, O Lord? So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you. They sing praise to your name.

Psalm 89. I will sing to the Lord's great love forever. With my mouth, I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever. That you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

And then Psalm 95. And I think we sing this hymn. Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and with song. For the Lord is the great God, the King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his. For he made it and his hands form the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker for he is our God.

And then these words. Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us. We are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. So enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations. Blessed be the Lord.

Blessed is the person who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. And again, he says I will exalt you my God and King. I will praise your name forever. Every day. I will praise you

and extol your name forever and forever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. His greatness. No one can fathom. One generation will command your works to another and they will tell of your mighty acts. The Lord upholds all those who fall. Because the Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. The Lord is near to all who call on him. So praise the Lord. Oh my soul. I will praise the Lord as long as I live. And then Psalm 147. How good it is to sing praises to our God. How pleasant and fitting to praise him. Psalm 149 and verse 1 as we did today. Sing to the Lord a new song. His praise in the assembly of the Saints.

And then how do you finish this book? We don't know who wrote all these words. We just we just don't know. But it finishes this way. Praise the Lord in the sanctuary. Maybe we'd say it this way. Praise the Lord in the church. Praise him in this place. Praise him in the mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power. Praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet. Praise him with the harp and the lyre. Praise him with tambourine and dancing. Praise him with the strings and flute. Praise him with the clash of symbols. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. And all of God's people said, "Pr - amen."

Closing

So the idea of praising God. The blessings that we have that we just sang. That was a nice medley, Adam, to draw together some new versions and older versions mingled together. But the theme being, praising God from whom all blessings flow. We have been blessed. God, that is a past, present and future. And so we think about some of the blessings and the praise given to God in the Old Testament as people relied on him as their rock, their foundation, and in whom they placed their trust. And recognizing that God was good, recognizing that he protected, recognizing that he kept his promises. So for that, I give God praise.

But yet that is us today in the present. We are here as beneficiaries of God's promises, of God's goodness, of his love, of his provision in our lives. And as a result, we too are in a moment when we come together of praise, thanking him for all that he has done. But not only that, what he has done, what he is doing, can we look this week and see what he is doing in your life, in the lives of those around you. And when you see God working, can you give praise in that moment? And then going forward, because of what he has done for us in sending Jesus into this world, we have a hope beyond this world. And for that, we can continue to praise him that he cared enough for us, that as Rhonda reminded us, he went to the cross, he sent his son to the cross, and there he died, took on our sins. And that there is hope beyond the grave, that there is something to look forward to beyond this life, with all its struggles, cares, and concerns.

And so in Ephesians, when Paul writes, he says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love, he predestined us to be adopted as his sons and daughters through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will, to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the one he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace, that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ to

be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

So, past, present, and future, we can praise God, for all he has done is doing and will do amongst us. Let's pray.

Our Father, we thank you for your love, your provision in sending Jesus into this world, for his plan to go to the cross willingly, taking on our sins, and for the hope of salvation that we have because of his sacrifice. So we give you praise for the ways you look after us and provide for us. And we pray this week that you will help us to recognize those things and celebrate them as we go forward from this place. In Jesus' name, amen. Have a good week.

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