

Psalms 29 Give unto the LORD, O ye Mighty

1 (A Psalm of David.) Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

"O ye mighty," As we consider this Psalm; I first thought that David was addressing the heads and leaders of Israel; however, as we consider the definition of mighty; we come to think that David may be speaking of himself. Mighty means; *a son (as a builder of the family name), in the widest sense (of literal and figurative relationship, including grandson, subject, nation, quality or condition.* With this definition in mind, we pursue this psalm in the view of "a son, as the builder of the family name."

King David was a shepherd, called by God to rule and reign over God's people Israel. King David is reminding his own self; remember that you are mighty because God has made you so. Therefore, God deserves the glory for this wonderful work of salvation demonstrated in his life.

King David was used of God to bring deliverance to Israel from all their enemies, as seen in: **2Sa 7:1** *"And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;"*

Now, let's consider another son, Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, seen in: **Joh 1:14** *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."* Jesus is our Shepherd, seen in: **Heb 13:20-21; 20** *"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."* who God has anointed to be King over God's people.

Jesus has gotten the victory over all his enemies, and is now seated on the throne of God, in his own house. As King David led Israel in overcoming their enemies, through the power and blessing of God; so, Jesus, the Christ, is leading his people in overcoming their enemies, through the power of the Holy Ghost and blessings of God.

As we read the rest of this psalm; let's remember the definition set forth of "*a son (as a builder of the family name)*" and make the application of Jesus the King, and we the subjects of the King. As we read of the "**voice of the Lord**" and all that it does, remember that Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, the voice of the Lord, to speak to us and show us the great and mighty powers of God. The powers and demonstrations are to us the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Paul told the Corinthians in: **1Co 2:4-5; 4** *"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."*

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. 7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire. 8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of

Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory. 10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King forever. 11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Truly, we should "***give unto the Lord glory***" because, "***The LORD will give strength unto his people;***" and because, the Lord has blessed his people with peace, and will bless them with eternal peace in that place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise our God who sent "the" Son to be King over his People, now and forever!

Sing Hymn 177 from the Lloyd Hymnal, to the tune of Mars Hill Morning, #195 in the Sacred Harp book, to close. This revelation, in Psalms 29, gave new meaning to the words of this hymn to me.

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- 1 MAJESTIC sweetness sits enthroned' Upon the Saviour's brow; His head with radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace o'erflow.
- 2 No mortal can with him compare, Among the sons of men, Fairer is he than all the fair, Who fill the heavenly train.
- 3 He saw me plunged in deep distress, And flew to my relief; For me he bore the shameful cross, And carried all my grief.
- 4 To him I owe my life and breath, And all the joys I have; He makes me triumph over death, And saves me from the grave.
- 5 To heaven, the place of his abode, He brings my weary feet, Shows me the glories of my God, And makes my joys complete.
- 6 Since from his bounty I receive, Such proofs of love divine, Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be thine.