

Psalms 29 Commentary

A Psalm of David

Ps 29:1 ¶ "Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

God's people are here given commandment to praise and worship the Lord in Spirit and truth, just as seen in: ***Joh 4:23-24; 23 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.***" What do you mean by God's people? Can those that are dead give praise or worship God? Not one. Understand, today, in the age of Salvation by the Grace of God, you are born into this world dead in trespasses and sins, unless you are born again in the womb. You will remain in this state of dead in trespasses and sins, until God chooses to give you the gift of eternal life in the new birth. When that happens you are transformed, from the state of dead in trespasses and sins, to the lively state of newness of life in Christ. Wherefore, we discern that the commandment is to God's people, since only those who are alive in Christ can praise God.

We can further discern this through the definition of "**O ye mighty.**" Mighty means *a son (as a builder of the family name.)* From this definition we can see the prophetic picture of coming of the Son of God, who is the builder of the family name, of the New Testament Church. Wherefore, by the strength of Christ in you, we are made mighty. In this Holy Spirit strength, we are enabled to worship our Lord in spirit and in truth.

"**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**" While we were dead in trespasses and in sins, we were very ugly creatures. We had no beauty that would cause God to look upon us with love and compassion. Yet, even while we were thus dead, God loved us with an everlasting love, which is why he gave to us the gift of salvation by grace and made us alive in Christ. Understand; in Christ we have beauty in the eyes of God the Father, having been washed in the sin atoning blood of Christ, we are made holy and pure in the sight of God the Father, being robed in the righteousness of Christ. Wherefore, we have great beauty of holiness in us by God the Son. When we recognize that beauty of holiness in us, then we can worship God and Christ in Spirit and Truth.

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 everyone speak of his glory."

In these verses, we see a picture of the coming age of salvation by grace and the establishment of the New Testament church. How do we see this picture? We shall let scripture paint the scenes for us. ***Ge 1:2; 1 ¶ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 ¶ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.***" When God created the earth and heaven, the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. However, the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Now fast forward to the time of Christ upon the earth in a prepared human body.

Christ told his disciples that he was going back to heaven. but He, and his Father, would send the Comforter to take his place on earth. Thus, we see the picture of the Spirit of God moving upon the face of the deep. The waters being the seas of life in which mankind lives today.

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Lebanon fell to the earth and were shaped and fitted to build the temple of God in Jerusalem, the humongous inherited sin nature of man is cut down, and man is shaped and fitted to be incorporated into the New Testament Church. With the birth of the New Testament church, many of the Jews were humbled to rejoice in the fact that Christ had already made the ultimate sacrifice. That is the big picture, and the beginning of the scene of the New Testament church coming into existence, just as we saw in **Ge 1:3 ¶ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**" The light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shined forth upon the earth in the revelation of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ.

Now, consider this scene on an individual level. When we were dead in trespasses and sins, we were exalted above measure in self. However, when we are born again; suddenly, we hear the thundering of the law commandments and understand that we are doomed, as sinners, to an eternal hell, except for the finished work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. This action brought humility to our hearts and souls, which had already been regenerated, and when we saw the light of the gospel of salvation by grace shining, we rejoiced as seen in: **Ps 29:6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.**" Oh! What great joy to find our sins forgiven eternally, through the finished work of Jesus Christ, and know that we have been given eternal life in Christ.

We point out again; many people say the unicorn is only a fictional thing. Many people say the New Testament Church is a fictional thing. However, God tells us plainly, in the King James Bible, that both are real things. So, do not be deceived by the efforts of the devil to get you to disbelieve the truth.

Ps 29:9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth everyone speak of his glory." Here, we see the picture of God, Almighty, choosing to save whom he will, and causing them to be given the new birth and eternal life in Christ. Just as the voice of God makes the hinds to calve, so the voice of Jesus makes a child of grace be born again.

Think of the timbers that were used in building the tabernacle and its furnishings, as well as the temple and its furnishings, which both are representative of the New Testament Church. It takes every board that came from every tree that God chose to make both the tabernacle and temple complete. It takes every child of God in their proper place to make the New Testament Church complete. We see the picture, of the discovery of the forests, as each child of grace is born again and joined to the fellowship of the New Testament Church. One tree does not make a forest; it takes many trees. The tabernacle was not made of one tree, nor was the temple built of one tree. Likewise, the New Testament is built of many trees, figuratively seen in each child of grace as tree in the church of God. Thus, the temple of the Lord is established in the new birth, and shines forth the light of the glory of salvation by grace. God's New Testament church speaks of the glory of God, and of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

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."

This world is flooded with sin and corruption. Now, do you see the New Testament church lifted above the flood of sin on the earth? Like Noah, and his family, were lifted above the flood waters, which destroyed the earth, in the ark of their salvation; so, the New Testament church is sailing upon the seas of life in this world, In her exalted position, in this age of salvation by grace. We see Christ our King reigning as King forever in the lives of God's people. This salvation by grace is not just manifest in this world only; but rather, it will carry forward into eternity, "**yea, the LORD sitteth King forever.**"

"the LORD will bless his people with peace." No matter how terrible and terrifying Satan, and the temptations of sin, seem, to the life of a Christian; we are strengthened by Christ in us, and thus, we have within us, the greatest peace of life, as seen in: **Php 4:7; 6 "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**

Our Saviour who blessed us with eternal forgiveness of sins, and eternal life in Christ, with the promise of resurrected, sinless, glorified, immortal bodies, in the place He has gone to prepare for us. How much glory and praise are you giving to Christ and God? Thank you, King Jesus, for the security of our eternal life, and the joy of thy salvation here on earth! Hallelujah! Amen!