

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THE VOICE OF THE LORD

PSALMS 29

Text:

Introduction:

There is no denying the theme of this psalm is “The Voice of the Lord.”

It is mentioned seven times in these eleven verses.

David knew something about the voice of God and expressed it in this passage.

In Psalms 28 David declared that God heard him:

Psalm 28:6

⁶ Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

In this chapter David declares that God can speak.

Note:

1. THERE IS PREEMINENCE IN HIS VOICE (VS. 1-2)

Psalm 29:1-2

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.

Notice:

A. The Honor That Is Due Him

David called for the “mighty” to honor and glorify the Lord.

Even the most noble of men must salute and exalt the Lord.

This “honor” is “due” Him.

He is worthy of receiving praise of men.

Notice not only “The Honor That Is Due Him” but also:

B. The Holiness That Describes Him

“Worship the Lord in the Beauty of holiness.”

This is an interesting phrase.

It means adornment, sacred and hallowed.

We are to worship in that environment – as we approach Him we are to do so with adoration and awe.

In awe of His holiness.

When we hear the voice of the Lord we need to recognize His voice is preeminent!

Note not only is His Voice Preeminent but also:

2. THERE IS POWER IN HIS VOICE (vs. 3-9)

Psalm 29:3-9

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.

Note:

A. The Lord's Voice Is Upon Many Waters (vs. 3)

Psalm 29:3

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.

When we think about this we think about the roaring of the waves.

No one can measure the power of the ocean, and no one can truly understand the vast power of God.

Not only is His voice Upon Many Waters but also it:

B. Breaketh the Cedars (vs. 5)

Psalm 29:5

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

The cedars of Lebanon were famous for their size and strength.

They were iconic in the days of David and stood powerfully and yet the voice of the Lord can break what man considered to be strong.

Certainly if God created the cedars with His voice, He can break them with the same voice.

Not only is His voice Upon Many Waters and Breaketh the Cedars but also it:

C. Divideth the Flames of Fire (vs. 7)

Psalm 29:7

⁷ The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.

This speaks of the majesty of God's voice.

No one can really control fire.

The word divideth means to cut or to separate.

It's interesting to read about the various places that God sent fire.

Not only is His voice Upon Many Waters, Breaketh the Cedars and Divdeth the Flames of Fire but also it:

D. Shaketh the Wilderness (vs. 8)

Psalm 29:8

⁸ The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

God's voice is so powerful that it shakes the most barren regions.

The voice of the Lord can reach all places and has the power to disturb and shake the most remote places.

Elijah discovered this when he fled to a cave – he couldn't escape the still small voice.

Not only is His voice “Upon Many Waters”, “Breaketh the Cedars”, “Divdeth the Flames of Fire” and “Shaketh the Wilderness” but also it:

E. Maketh the Hinds to Calve (vs. 9)

Psalm 29:9

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.

This speaks of the love a deer experiences as it give birth to a fawn.

This pictures the tenderness of God as He takes care of us His creatures.

Notice there Is Preeminence In His Voice and Power In His Voice but lastly:

3. THERE IS PEACE IN HIS VOICE (vs. 10-11)

Psalm 29:10-11

¹⁰ The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever. ¹¹ The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

A. He Sits Upon the Flood (vs. 10)

Psalm 29:10

¹⁰ The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

The flood can destroy and bring great damage, but God is sitting upon it.

He controls it and makes His presence known.

Not only does He sit upon the flood but also:

B. He Sends Us the Favor (vs. 11)

Psalm 29:11

¹¹ The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

David speaks about the peace that God gives to His people.

He blesses us with peace.

Those who know the preeminent and powerful voice of God understand that He also speaks with peace and tranquility.

Close:

God not only hears His children; He also speaks to His children.

His voice is like no other.

It's strong enough to tear down the cedars of Lebanon, majestic enough to control the flames of fire, and tender enough to care for the deer in labor and peaceful enough to bless His people.

Note Psalms 95:

Psalm 95:3-11

³ For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also. ⁵ The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*. ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. ⁷ For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, ⁸ Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and as in* the day of

temptation in the wilderness: ⁹ When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. ¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: ¹¹ Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Note the expression found in verse 7 “Hear His Voice.”

My we not harden our hearts having seen all of His works.