

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

OUR TERRIBLY GOOD GOD

PSALMS 66

Text: Psalms 66:3, 5

Psalm 66:3

³ *Say unto God, **How terrible art thou in thy works!** through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.*

Psalm 66:5

⁵ *Come and see the works of God: **he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.***

Introduction:

This psalm is an expression of gratitude and appreciation of the works of God.

Twice in this chapter the psalmist declared God to be terrible.

This in no way describes God as being evil; quite the opposite.

This word terrible means to fear or revere or demonstrate reverence.

This speaks of the reverence that we are to give to God because of His holiness and goodness.

Notice:

1. THE ADORATION OF GOD DECLARED (VS. 1-2)

Psalm 66:1-2

¹ Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: ² Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

A. Our Praise Should Be Cheerful (vs. 1)

When we worship the Lord we should worship Him with gladness.

We also that this instruction is giving to all people of all lands.

Not only should our praise be cheerful but also:

B. Our Praise Should Be Celebratory (vs. 2)

When we enter in the environment of worship the attention should be shifted to the Lord not individuals.

He alone is worthy of honor and glory.

Notice not only the Adoration of God Declared but also:

2. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD DESCRIBED (VS. 3-5)

Psalm 66:3-5

³ Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. ⁴ All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah. ⁵ Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

A. His Power is Astonishing (vs. 3)

The word terrible here means astonishment, and amazed.

The works of God are the product of His nature. He is good and His work is glorious.

Not only in His Power Astonishing but also:

B. His People Are Awed (vs. 4-5)

Psalm 66:4-5

⁴ All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah. ⁵ Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

Let's be honest, as we consider the power of God we cannot help but be mesmerized and amazed.

Though many blaspheme God and deny God today but there will come a day when all people will bless Him and declare that He is the Lord.

Notice not only the Adoration of God Declared and the Attributes of God Described but lastly:

3. THE AUTHORITY OF GOD DISPLAYED (VS. 6-7)

Psalm 66:6-7

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. ⁷ He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

A. His Extraordinary Power (vs. 6)

To further explain His power the psalmist reflects on the Red Sea when God delivered His people through on dry ground.

By the way He is still the same God that we serve today.

His authority is over all creation.

Note not only His Extraordinary Power but also:

B. His Eternal Power (vs. 7)

Psalm 66:7

⁷ He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

Not only is His power extraordinary but it is also eternal.

This should bring joy, comfort, to our hearts and gratitude from our heart.

Close:

When you consider His majesty, miracles, and might there is only one conclusion – He is a “terribly good God.”