



The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.
PSALM 29:3

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THE VOICE OF GOD

QUICK REVIEW

LESSON ONE

» Give, give, give, give

LESSON TWO

» Listen, listen, listen, listen

LESSON THREE

» Echo, echo, echo, echo

ABOUT THIS PSALM

The Bible informs us that from out of nothing, God created everything in nature. Even nature's storms are a part of God's creation. Psalm 29 informs us that our creator God can and sometimes does speak to us through the circumstances of a storm. God's voice can be clearly heard when we take the time and effort to observe Him through the mighty acts of nature.

AUTHOR

According to the title, the author of Psalm 29 is David, the son of Jesse from Bethlehem. It is very difficult to determine any particular time, place, or specific day as to the exact event that caused David to pen this prayer. It does seem apparent however by the psalm itself that it was written as a result of David experiencing a time of a great storm.

THEME

The theme of Psalm 29, as has already been mentioned is about the activities of a storm being compared to the voice of God. When one considers the fact that in David's time when a storm occurred people did not have much insulation or isolation from the effects, sounds, and results of a storm, it makes this thought all the more vivid in expression. The truth of the matter is, many times in scripture we can see God speaking through a storm. Consider these storms from the time of the Old Testament. God certainly spoke in Noah's time through a stormy flood. (Genesis 6-9) God spoke in Abraham's time through a storm of fire and brimstone. (Genesis 18-19) God spoke to the Children of Israel in the time of Moses through a mountain called Sinai that had thunder, lightning, and smoke. (Exodus 19-20) In fact, immediately after that storm the Children of Israel asked that God not speak to them anymore. In the New Testament God made a powerful statement when Jesus rebuked the storm and immediately there was a great calm. (Matthew 8)

There are at least three possible messages that God wants us to know in the time of a storm.

- » ONE: Even in the time of a storm, God is still in control.
- » TWO: God can and will protect us in the time of a storm.
- » THREE: Everything God does has a purpose. When we believe we are hearing God's voice, we should always listen, walk in agreement, and let God use us to influence others too.

PERSONAL APPLICATIONS//PSALM 29

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PSALM 29:1-2: “Give to the LORD, O mighty ones, give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.”

QUESTIONS

Can anyone share about a time when you experienced a storm or phenomenon of nature that made you think of how powerful God must be?

Have a discussion about the varying ways God reveals Himself to us through nature. Have a discussion about the ways this encourages us to not only believe in God but to also devote our lives to Him in service.

PSALM 29:3-9: “The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the desert of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, ‘Glory!’”

QUESTIONS

One of the illustrations of God’s voice that David uses is the “cedars of Lebanon”. There are four types of Cedars known from this area: The little cedars (close together), the tall cedars (deep rooted), the fire cedars (burn easily), and the humming cedars (wind sounds).

How can we live out these qualities in a way that not only blesses us in our own personal lives, but also the kingdom of God?

PSALM 29:10-11: “The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace.”

QUESTIONS

There are certainly other situations that are like storms that we all at times face in this life. Some times we refer to them as financial storms, health storms, marriage storms, relationship storms, etc.

How can the principles from this psalm teach us to put our trust and confidence in God when we are walking through these other kinds of storms?

CLOSING SCRIPTURES

- » Psalm 8:3-4: “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him?”
- » Psalm 19:1-4: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the end of the world.”
- » Isaiah 25:4: “For You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a driving storm against a wall ...”