

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

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Joyful Praise to the Glorious King of Creation

Psalms 104

NOTES:

Befitting His Kingly Splendour, God is...

Psa. 104:1 *Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, 2 covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. 3 He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; 4 he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.*

1. ...arrayed in robes of brilliant light
2. ...pavilioned in the sky
3. ...carried on chariots of cloud pulled by the winds
4. ...attended by winds and fire

God's Kingly Command...

1. ...established the land, subduing the sea

Psa. 104:6b *the waters stood above the mountains. 7 At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight... 9 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.*

2. ...tamed the chaotic waters to nurture life

Psa. 104:10 *You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills... 13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.*

3. ...generously provides for all his earthly subjects

Psa. 104:14 *You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth 15 and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. 16 The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. 17 In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.*

4. ...organizes time for maximum benefit to all

Psa. 104:19 *He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. 20 You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about. 21 The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. 22 When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens. 23 Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.*

The Creator King is the Author, Nurturer, Preserver and Renewer of Life

Psa. 104:27 *These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. 28 When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

1 Tim. 4:4 *For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.*

We Anticipate the Day When God's Renewed Creation Will Be Free of Evil Forever

Psa. 104:31 *May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works...35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!*

Revelation 21:1 *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man... 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) If possible, get outside this week and spend time marveling at God's good creation. Alternatively, watch a nature video or examine photographs of the amazing variety and beauty in the world.
- 2) Make a list of all the "free" good things in the world that God provides for your joy and benefit. Write your own poem of praise for God's loving care and provision.
- 3) Not only has God provided for creation, but in Christ he has provided for new creation in which "righteousness dwells". Spend time imagining that time when the world will be full of goodness but without any evil, suffering, or grief.
- 4) Bonus: invite some friends over for a potluck feast and enjoy the goodness of God, giving thanks for the enjoyment and variety of the table and friendship..

SONGS

*THIS IS AMAZING GRACE
ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING
REIGN ABOVE IT ALL
HOW GREAT THOU ART*

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$35,034.69
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$1,391,430.99
YTD General Need: \$1,571,202.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (10/11): \$199,438.98

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