



The Lord's Prayer as a Guide Through the Psalms
Dominican Republic Mission Project, Trip 2007 Daily Study

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

(English Standard Version)

Praise

(From Matthew 6:9 – "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.")

The Lord's prayer begins with praise...praise to our Father in heaven. It doesn't say "Our God," but instead "Our Father." In the same way, David addresses God as "LORD." This is Yahweh, the name of the personal covenant keeping God of Israel. The great "I AM." This God is the creator God who spoke the world and mankind into being and sustains it by the power of His word yet those who are Christians call Him "Father."

In this model prayer, God is given glory because He is holy...He is separate from us, He is "other." And the praise is directed at His name. We can learn a lot from the names of God. They teach us about His attributes...about who He is. Do you praise God? Do you praise Him in private, in your prayers? What do you praise Him for? Is He worthy of our praise?

Read Psalm 29 again. David first calls on the angels to give glory to God's name.

- Why do you think David calls upon the angels? (vs. 1-2)

For the next seven verses (vs. 3-9), David describes the power and majesty of the voice of God. I was recently reminded in a sermon I was listening to that the God of the Bible is a speaking God and not like the mute heathen gods of the nations surrounding Israel. He speaks to us through the Bible, through the Son, and through the Holy Spirit.

- Does the voice of God sound terrible in these verses?

- How should the unsaved respond to God's voice?

- How should Christians respond to God's voice? (vs. 9b)

- Now look at verse 10. What is David praising God for?

David concludes this song of praise to our God with what appears to be requests of God for the people of God (vs. 11). They are _____ and _____ for the people of God. Are they requests? Remember that David Has just reminded himself of the awesomeness of God in the thunder and storm described in vs. 3-9.

- Is there any doubt in David's mind that God will grant these requests?

Do you notice how a time of worship can instill such confidence in a believer? Do we wonder why the Lord's prayer begins with praise? Meditate on God's holiness and give Him the praise due His name.

Read and meditate on Psalm 96. For what does the psalmist praise God?

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NOTES:

Down At the Cross
(Based on Psalm 29:2)

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

*Glory to His Name, glory to His Name:
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!*

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His Name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His Name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His Name!