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| 1  Psalm 29 Sermon Outline  08/04/24  “Glory In The Storm”  **INTRO:**  I don’t know if you ever been in a storm = but can be terrifying  Lived 4 years Mid-West (Illinois) = had a fair share of storms  Dorm room top floor = see lightning storm through window = somewhat beautiful  The scariest storm experience = drive back from Chicago to Tacoma in 1996 Nissan Altima…  Somewhere in Iowa cornfields = nasty storm = couldn’t see on highway  But that’s nothing compared to hurricane Katrina or hurricane Ivan, etc. = a lot more destructive and scary | 2  I don’t know about you but I don’t want to be in middle of storm  Psalm 29 perhaps best preached after storm  In fact, early church preached sermon after a storm  Mothers would read this to their children during a storm  This psalm = powerful + simple psalm  Short = 11 verses but packed full of the glory and power of God  This psalm is beautifully poetic and masterfully crafted to help us see the power and glory of God  This psalm = beautifully poetic/masterfully crafted to help us see the power and glory of God |
| 3  **MAIN POINT:**  This psalm is written to get you to worship God because there is no one as powerful and as glorious as Him…and the main way David will do this is by describing to you God’s glory through a very powerful storm  This psalm has two movements:  First is to get us moving towards worshipping God  I. “A Call to Worship Almighty God” vv. 1-2  Second movement is to get us to move with the storm  II. “The Reason For Worshipping Almighty God” vv. 3-11  So let’s begin w/ first movement “A Call to Worship Almighty God” vv. 1-2: | 4  “*Ascribe to Yahweh, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength*”  Subtext reads = psalm of David  Just like Ps. 8 written = under starry night sky  Ps. 29 written = in light of the awesomeness of a storm  David begins w/ call for “sons of the mighty” to ascribe Yahweh glory and strength  “Sons of the mighty” = OT term = angels  Ps. 89:6 “*Who among the sons of the mighty is like Yahweh*?”  This might seem odd to you why David is commanding angels?  Secondly, commanding angels to worship God which is already their full-time occupation? |
| 5  In regard to the first oddity, David is not really commanding angels…  It’s a call to join him in worship  **ILLUST:**  Like calling a governor at a presidential rally to give respect to the president!  Governor is not less required to give respect because he is greater than a normal civilian, but that all in comparison to pres. Should pay homage to the president  Which goes into second oddity in that although angels already worship and praise God, David is emphasizing that human worship alone is not enough, he is calling on those who already worship to give extra worship!!  “Ascribe” = not give something that God lacks  Rather = Give the due recognition that He is indeed whatever it is i.e. “glory and strength” | 6  Strength = all powerful, He possesses unlimited strength, He is able to do anything  “Glory” = hard to define word  Glory = all that God is in His being lit. weight = significance  **ILLUST:**  My weight is measurable, definable, 160 pounds  “Ascribe to Yahweh the glory of His name”  = The Great I AM = in which all creation depends upon Him for their existence  He is the self-existent one  He just “IS” = no beginning no end,  He is the alpha and the omega  The eternal one, the ancient of days |
| 7  “*Worship Yahweh in the splendor of holiness*”  Worship = bow down  Splendor of holiness = holy attire  Lit. adorn yourself with holiness when approaching God  When you see God in all the glory you are able to see God in, you won’t come flippantly or casually to Him  We must come to Him as the Holy One  With the attitude that we are not worthy to come into His presence, and yet He allows weak and frail creatures like us to come to His greatness  **ILLUST:**  We must be like the priests of Israel where they were required to wear specific priestly clothing in order to enter into the presence of God in the tabernacle | 8  **TRANSITION:**  Now why are we to ascribe Yahweh glory and strength?  Why are we to worship God in holy attire?  Because He has shown His glory and majesty in the storm. So we go into the second movement where we will ride with this fearsome storm and experience the glory of the Lord of the storm  The second movement: “The Reason For Worshipping Almighty God” vv. 3-9  Here’s where it gets interesting…  David describe powerful storm tearing through Mediterranean in North through whole land of Canaan going South and through the desert where it goes away  Possible = actual storm David witnessed, wouldn’t have any reason to doubt this was literal storm David was talking about |
| 9  Key phrases “voice of Yahweh” = 7x times = perfection  “voice of Yahweh,” “voice” of Yahweh = lightning strikes  So here we go. The storm is stirring  V. 3 “*The voice of Yahweh is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, Yahweh is over many waters*.”  Upon the waters = Mediterranean Sea  Crackles of thunder,  Many waters = not just Mediterranean Sea but sovereignty over all bodies of waters on earth  Moving waters = most destructive and powerful element  **ILLUST:**  Think of tsunamis | 10  Remember 9.0 magnitude earthquake that it Japan?  It sent colossal tsunami waves that engulfed and destroyed so many parts of Japan  Watching documentary footage on Youtube = very surreal  Can’t imagine what it would be like to experience that in real life  Invited Heidi to watch me but she refused  David then describes V. 4 “The voice of Yahweh is powerful, the voice of Yahweh is full of splendor”  Voice of Yahweh is not just a destructive force wreaking havoc, but signified royalty, there is something majestic in God’s voice even when it is judging the earth  Now storm starts sweeping south into Lebanon and trees of Lebanon |
| 11  Cedars of Lebanon were known to be symbols of strength and stability  Solomon used cedar trees to build temple  Massive trees that can reach a diameter in its trunk of 8 feet and massive roots going down  Yet… this thundering lightning storm breaks those trees in pieces like a toothpick  Like pushing down a bunch of dominos with a push of a finger, God’s voice obliterates and uproots these trees  So awesome is the sight that David says in the next verse, in verse 6 that God makes “*Lebanon skip like a calf, And Sirion like a young wild ox*”  Lebanon + Sirion = high mountain ranges that are 10,000 feet in elevation above sea level  These animals are generally pretty stubborn and hard to move, yet he makes these mountains skip like these animals in fear | 12  All the while the storm is just spitting out lightning bolts, perhaps setting some vegetation on fire  V. 7 “*The voice of Yahweh hews out flames of fire*”  Flames of fire = lightning strikes  God the Father’s voice = likened to thunder  John 12:29 Father’s reply to Jesus sounded like rumblings of thunder  Storm keeps moving south to the desert wilderness  V. 8 “*the voice of Yahweh causes the wilderness to tremble; Yahweh causes the wilderness of Kadesh to tremble*.”  Cause wilderness to tremble  Like in forest suddenly all animals are fleeing in one direction away from something  It’s like that but whole forest seems to want to flee |
| 13  Even makes V. 9  “*makes the deer to calf and stripes the forests bare*…”  Experiencing such shock = prematurely give birth  I think animals can portray a proper fear and respect of God in nature than we do sometimes, at least more than this guy  There was an odd guy that I knew in church who was so fascinated with tornadoes and one of his dreams was to get caught up in the middle of a tornado and experience the thrill of being whipped around in the air 200 miles per hour with other flying debris “whee!!”  Storms are such a clear picture of the power and glory of God, it’s undeniable  Even those who do not necessarily have faith in God call these powerful phenomena as “acts of God” | 14  **ILLUST:**  Luther going back to visit family  Lightning storm = so scared vowed to serve God as monk  After storm subsides, those who gathered in the temple can only cry “Glory!”  What can you say otherwise?! It’s just pure “Glory!”  V. 10 “*Yahweh sat enthroned over the flood; Indeed, Yahweh sits as King forever*.”  Destructive nature of storm = reminds of Great Flood  “Flood” = THE Great flood  As chaotic and destructive as world flood was, God was enthroned above it  Same God enthroned is enthroned over every storm that has occurred and will occur in history |
| 15  And fact that David brings up a global judgment like the Great Flood = warn us another storm is coming  There is a gathering storm on the horizon that can appear any minute  Not of water = but of fire  It will be a fire so hot it will consume the water  Flatten every hilltop and scorch the earth  The fiery storm will sweep up unrepentant sinners like a tornado sweeping up a park trailer  If you do not worship Yahweh in holy attire, then that storm is headed your way  No escape  No basement to hid under for it to pass  Unless you hid yourself in Jesus Christ, the Lord of the storms | 16  Same God who starts the storms can end the storms with a single word of His mouth  Remember Mark 4 = disciples caught in fierce storm?  Jesus started that storm to test disciple’s faith = sound asleep  But they woke Jesus up and Jesus = “hush, be still”  Wind and waves = completely still  Normally waves don’t go completely still like that  Same God who displays power and glory in storm also display peace within the storm for all those who belong to Him  V. 11 “*Yahweh will strength to His people; Yahweh will bless His people with peace*”  Not only will He protect you from the coming storm of judgment coming upon this whole world |
| 17  He can provide peace inside of storm of your heart  The storms of trials and the storms of sin if you bow to Him as Lord and King of your life  You can have a peace like that of Ps. 46 that makes you say  “*though the earth should change, though the mountains shake into the sea; though its water roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its lofty pride…therefore we will not fear…*why? *Because God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*.”  If Yahweh is your strength and Yahweh is your peace then when winds and waves of this life come crashing down on your house, your house will stand  Because its built on rock-solid foundation of Jesus death, burial, and resurrection  This is the God we worship | 18  This is the Lord of glory and strength who is able to overcome any storm  He is the Lord of the storms  He is the Lord of YOUR storms  Let’s pray  Benediction:  Ps. 29:1  “Ascribe to Yahweh, O sons of the mighty,  Ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength” |