

THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 66

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PSALM 66 = MAKE A _____ NOISE!

- This is a _____ Psalm. The invitation to praise God starts globally (vs. 1-7), then nationally (vs. 8-12), and then _____ (vs. 13-20).
- The Bible says “Make a joyful noise” at least 8 times in Scripture. The first time is in this Psalm.
- Psalm 95:2, “Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.”
- Many Bible students believe that this Psalm was written by Hezekiah after the Lord delivered victory to the children of Israel in Isaiah 36-37.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

- Vs. 1-12 = Choral
- Vs. 13-20 = _____
- The song of the Psalmist is composed with 5 parts:
 1. _____ about God. (vs. 1-4)
 - a. It is good to start your day off with a round of praise for God!
 - b. How are we to praise God?
 - i. _____! (vs. 2, 4)
 - ii. SAY! (v. 3)
 - iii. _____! (v. 5)
 - c. V. 3 = *Terrible* = “Awesome; to inspire awe”
 - d. Our praise of God should never be _____!
 2. _____ about God. (vs. 5-9)
 - a. The Psalmist references God’s power in past victories.
 - b. V. 6 = The crossing of the Red Sea and the crossing of the Jordan = 2 examples of God’s power and ability to deliver.
 - c. V. 7 = It is this same power by which God resurrected Jesus and by which He rules and reigns.
 - d. V. 9 = The Psalmist sees God’s hand all through life. = We should be in the _____ of seeing God’s hand through all the events of our lives.
 - e. What past victories are you sharing with others? What miracles has God done for you?
 3. Speaking to God. (vs. 10-12)
 - a. The Psalmist references different testings and trials that God put them through.
 - b. He praised God for the _____ things God did for them in the previous verses and now praises God for the _____ things God put them through. We are to praise God just as much in the bad times as we do in the good!
 - c. V. 10 = *Proved* = “To test; to try; to examine”
 - d. V. 10 = *Tried* = “To test; to examine” = Going further it means, “to try to learn the information about the true nature or moral purity of an object”
 - e. V. 11 = The word *affliction* is a unique word = It only occurs one time in the Bible = The meaning of this *affliction* is “_____”; distress.”
 - f. V. 11 = *Loins* = “The back; from the neck to the end of the spine” = The part of the body that carries burdens.
 - g. V. 12 = *Wealthy place* = Only used one other time = Psalm 23:5, “...my cup runneth over.”
 - h. V. 12 = When difficulties and trials come, keep your eyes on the “wealthy place” in hope! = A place of abundance and relief! = Often times we see these places on earth, but far more powerfully in _____!

4. _____ to God. (vs. 13-15)
 - a. The Psalmist is responding to God's Goodness. He is willing to offer sacrifices.
 - b. What are we to sacrifice to God? Our _____! (Romans 12:1-2)
5. _____ God. (vs. 16-20)
 - a. We get so busy looking at when some event will happen that we don't savor the day we are living.
 - b. We are overlooking the _____ of today for the _____ of tomorrow.
 - c. Notice also two necessary ingredients in prayer:
 - i. _____ (v. 17) = Confessing Who God truly is and what He has done
 - ii. _____ (v. 18) = Confessing who you truly are and what you have done

TWO THOUGHTS

1. Come and _____. (v. 5)
 - a. We have to recognize the great things that God does for us.
 - b. You can't share news that you don't have.
2. Come and _____. (v. 16)
 - a. We need to make known God's deeds among the people!
 - b. Psalm 105:1, "O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people."

***Are you recognizing God's blessings in your life?
Are you telling others about the wonderful, awesome God that we serve?
ARE YOU MAKING A _____ NOISE?***