

# THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 68

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## PSALM 68 = OUR \_\_\_\_\_ GOD HAS WON THE VICTORY

- We can see many great things about GOD in this Psalm.
- V. 1 = This is what Moses would say when the children of Israel would begin their day of marching while in the wilderness.
- Numbers 10:35-36, "And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let Thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate Thee flee before Thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel."
- This Psalm speaks of God as the past, present, and future \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.
- In the New Testament, the enemies we face are mostly in the form of principalities and powers. It is a spiritual battle. In the Old Testament, the enemies of the children of Israel were flesh and blood.
- The Psalm can be separated into two main divisions:
  - Vs. 1-18 = \_\_\_\_\_ = God's Victories in the Past
  - Vs. 19-35 = \_\_\_\_\_ = God's Victories in the Present and Future

## THE WARRIOR GOD

### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD'S POWER.

- a. This Psalm talks about how God has conquered. He rides upon the heavens!
- b. There is a remembrance here of when the children of Israel were delivered from Egypt and journeyed to the Promised Land (vs. 7-10) and also of when the Ark was brought to the Tabernacle on Mount Zion (vs. 12-18).
- c. God has power over...
  - i. **The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1-4, 20-23)** = Dogs licking blood in verse 23 was a phrase denoting judgment and humiliation. = What enemy can stand before God?
    1. \_\_\_\_\_. = The enemies of God were wiped off the face of the earth and dogs licked their blood! = If a man chooses to be an "enemy of the cross" (Phil. 3:18) or an enemy of God, they will know everlasting defeat.
    2. **The world.** = Jesus said in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
    3. \_\_\_\_\_. = V. 20 = God controls death too! = Jesus conquered death! = "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"
    4. \_\_\_\_\_. = Revelation 20:10, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."
  - ii. **The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4, 6, 7-10, 33)** = The earth responds to its Creator!
  - iii. **The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20)** = Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." = God is the one that makes these appointments for people.
- d. V. 35 = As we think of God's power, we should echo David's excited declaration!

### 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD'S PERSON.

- a. This mighty Warrior God Who defeats enemies, has power over the earth, rides on the heavens, and reigns over creation shows that He is a tender, compassionate, loving God.
  - i. V. 5 = "A Father of the fatherless" = *Fatherless* means "An orphan."
  - ii. V. 5 = "...and a Judge of the widows..." = *Judge* means "\_\_\_\_\_"; one who comes to someone's aid"

- iii. V. 6 = "God setteth the solitary in families..." = Solitary means "The \_\_\_\_\_." = You are a part of the family of God!
- iv. V. 6 = "...He bringeth out those which are bound with chains:" = He sets prisoners free!
- v. V. 9 = He refreshes the weary = He strengthened His people when they were weak. = He sent them some water in the wilderness.
- vi. V. 10 = "...Thou, O God, hast prepared of Thy goodness for the poor." = In the Promised Land, God had provided for those who had nothing of their own! = Do we care for people like God does? If \_\_\_\_\_ won't help the poor and needy, who will?
- vii. V. 19 = He loads us up with blessings! = God continually loads us up with His blessings! This led the Psalmist to write this in Psalm 116:12, "What shall I render unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me?"
- b. V. 6 = "...but the rebellious dwell in a dry land." = "Barren land; desert; an undesirable wasteland with a bleached-out color from the sun with no vegetation, generally of very high temperatures."
- c. No one that daily tastes the \_\_\_\_\_ of God can ever be \_\_\_\_\_! The people that are on the winning side, seeing God's blessings, being filled with His goodness, and being refreshed when they are weary, those people are the \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- d. What kind of Lord would do this? What kind of King would care for people like this? A GOOD ONE!

### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD'S POSITION.

- a. Vs. 28-35 = These verses have prophetic overtones referencing the reign of Jesus Christ.
- b. There is an international assembly of Gentile nations coming to worship and give God praise and glory. This never happened at the physical Temple in Jerusalem, but will happen in the future.
- c. Where is God seated? From where will Jesus be ruling and reigning? From the \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Remember today that God is on the throne!
- e. Vs. 32-35 = Our Warrior God has gotten the victory! He is the King!
- f. As you come before God, come before Him in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_. Come before Him in awe realizing that He is the King of kings, the Creator of Heaven and Earth. Come before Him in intimacy realizing that He is your \_\_\_\_\_ and your Friend.

***Are you dwelling in a dry land or are you feasting on God's goodness?***

***Is there an enemy that needs conquering? God can do it!***

***Between awe and intimacy, is one of these lacking in your prayer life?***