

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED-FIVE

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-45

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Introduction:

- A. This is identified as a Psalm of David. The first 15 verse are a repeat of David's speech to Israel on the occasion of his bringing the Arc of the Covenant into Jerusalem.
  - B. The rest of the Psalm could well have been spoken at the same time. It would have been appropriate to have reviewed God's dealings with Israel at that time.
  - C. David was yet a humble, thankful king and desired the same attitude from the people over whom God had made him ruler.
  - D. There are some great practical lessons for God's people in any age—lessons that will encourage us do us good.
- I. LEARN WHAT ARE SOME COMMANDS FROM THE THANKFUL HEART OF A LEADER OF GOD'S PEOPLE. vs. 1-6
- A. David was king and God moved on him to issue 14 commands to His people.
    - 1. There are commands of praise. v.1
    - 2. There are commands for service. vs. 1,2
    - 3. There are commands to seek help. vs. 1,4
    - 4. There are commands of encouragement. vs. 5,6
  - B. Can we read these and not be faced with the challenge to accept them as God's commands to us in our day.
    - 1. Do our hearts that beat with thanksgiving speak to these same commands?
    - 2. Does not the inner being of each of us speak firmly of our need to accept the challenge of these commands:
      - a. To praise Him who died for us and saved our hell-bound souls?
      - b. To serve the God who is our Savior and Lord?
      - c. To seek His face and His will in our lives?
      - d. To encourage ourselves in the Lord and then be an encouragement to others?
- II. LEARN SOME SCRIPTURAL REASONS WHY GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD OBEY THE COMMANDS OF THE LORD GOD.
- A. Simply because HE IS GOD. v.7
  - B. Because He has remembered us in so many ways. vs. 5,8,42
  - C. Because He is a covenant keeping God. (Rom. 2:28, 29; Gal. 3:7-9) vs. 8-12
  - D. Because He is the PROTECTOR and PROVIDER in this life for all His people. vs. 13-41
    - 1. Of Israel in her day.
    - 2. Of His church people in this age. I Cor. 10:1-11
- III. LEARN THAT A REVIEW OF PAST BLESSINGS GIVES RISE TO SONGS OF PRAISE. vs.2, 8-44
- A. David commanded the people to sing unto the Lord—Sing Psalms unto Him.
    - 1. This was no afterthought with David.
    - 2. He had already reviewed the history of Israel and he was encouraged to sing unto the Lord.
  - B. If any child of God can review how God has blessed him without his heart responding in praise and adoration, HE NEEDS TO EXAMINE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
- IV. LEARN WHAT IS GOD'S BASIC PURPOSE IN SAVING AND BLESSING HIS PEOPLE. vs. 44,45

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- A. Verse 44 speaks of the blessings of God and verse 45 gives the reason, which is "that (in order that) they might observe his statutes and keep his laws."
- B. Simply put—God has saved and blessed His people that they might be obedient.
- C. The New Testament clearly sets forth this same teaching.
  - 1. Eph. 2:8-10
  - 2. 11 Cor. 5:14,15
- D. Why then are saved people so many times disobedient to God.
  - 1. Romans 7:15-25
  - 2. The two natures of the saved.
- E. God wills that His people rely o on Him and work to overcome the flesh man.

### CONCLUSION:

Let us think about all the great things God has done for us and when we have, we must say with David, the sweet singer of Psalms...PRAISE YE THE LORD.