

LESSONS FROM THE PSALMS ONE HUNDRED-FOUR

Scripture: Psalm 104

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Introduction:

- A. Many refer to this Psalm as the CREATION Psalm.
 - B. David is credited as the one whom God's Holy Spirit moved upon to write this beautiful Psalm.
 - C. It begins with David addressing his own soul and commanding it to "Bless the Lord."
 - D. He then addresses the Lord God and confesses "Thou art very great."
 - E. He then spends the rest of the Psalm exposing the greatness of God.
 - F. He begins with the original creation—its ruin and its reconstruction—He proceeds to speak of God's providential care of His creation and its creatures—and then ends with the final glorious consummation of God's great work.
- I. LEARN OF GOD'S GREATNESS IN CREATION. vs. 2-9
 - A. He covered Himself with light and stretched out the heavens like a curtain. v.2
 - B. He laid the foundation of His dwelling place in the waters...He made the clouds His chariot..and He walks upon the wings of the wind. v.3
 - C. God made His angels spirits...and His ministers or servants flaming fire. v.4
 - D. God laid the foundations of the earth so that they shall not be moved. v.5
 - E. Deal with God's creative power at work with the waters of the earth. vs. 6-9
 - II. LEARN OF GOD'S GREAT PROVIDENTIAL FOR HIS EARTH BOUND CREATURES. vs.10-18; 24b-28
 - A. God sends the springs through the hills and valleys to provide water for His creatures and a nesting place for others. vs. 10-12
 - B. God has provided the way to water the earth and provide fruits for man's works. v. 13
 - C. God has greatly provided food and protection for cattle--man--wild creatures of all kind. vs. 14-18
 - D. The earth is full of riches..oil, gas, gold, silver iron, diamonds, and on and on we could go. v.24b
 - E. God cares for the needs of the creatures of the sea. vs. 25-28
 - III. LEARN OF GOD'S GREATNESS AS SEEN IN HIS PURPOSE, DESIGN, AND CONTROL OF THE HEAVENLY BODIES. vs. 19-23
 - A. The moon for seasons and the sun to go down. v.19
 - B. Night and day provided for the good of the creatures of the wild and for man. vs. 20-23
 - IV. LEARN OF GOD'S GREATNESS AS SEEN IN HIS PROVISIONS FOR THE CONTINUAL RENEWAL OF HIS GREAT CREATION. vs. 29,30
 - A. All of His creation that lives also dies and returns to the dust from which it came. v. 9
 - B. God has then by His Spirit provided the recreation of all whereby the face of the earth is renewed. v.30
 - V. LEARN OF GOD'S GREATNESS AS SEEN IN HIS ENDURANCE AND TOTAL VICTORY OVER ALL REBELLION. vs. 31,35
 - A. The glory of God shall endure forever. v.31
 - B. Sinners shall be consumed out of the earth and the wicked shall be no more. v.35

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C. Verse 31 then tells us that the Lord shall rejoice in HIS WORKS.

VI. LEARN OF THE GREATNESS OF GOD AS SEEN IN THE PRAISE IT CALLS FORTH FROM HIS PEOPLE. vs. 1,24,33-35

A. Bless the Lord , O my soul...O Lord, my God, Thou art very great. v.1

B. O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all. v.24

C. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have being. v.33

D. My meditations of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord. v.34

E. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord. v.35