LESSONS FROM PSALMS TWENTY-NINE

Scripture: Psalm 29:1-11  Ray O. Brooks

Introduction:
A. This, like Psalm 28, is a Psalm of David. It seems to have been written as a sequel to the 28th Psalm.
B. David had cried out to the Lord; he had asked the Lord not to be silent lest he be like those who go down into the pit. He had asked the Lord to separate him from the wicked and to give unto the wicked according to their deeds...their due desert.
C. Then David had lifted up his voice in blessing the Lord because He had heard the voice of his supplications.
D. Psalm 29 is seen as the Lord speaking in all His power and might—speaking in judgment upon the wicked. This could be seen as God's answer to David's cry. ALSO, it could be seen as God's dealing with the wicked world in the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. THEN, it could have a practical view of the Lord's dealing with those who trouble His people in this life.

I. LEARN THAT GOD FEARING PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THE PRE-EMINENCE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. vs. 1,2
A. David address the mighty. "O Ye mighty" and calls upon the mighty to "Give unto the Lord glory and strength."
   1. Credit the Lord with HONOR.
   2. Recognize the Lord as having strength...all strength.
B. Give unto the Lord the glory (PRAISE) due unto His Name.
C. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
   1. Bow before Him.
   2. Adore Him and praise Him.
D. The repetition of the command "GIVE" enforces the need.

II. LEARN THE OUR LORD IS THE OMNIPOTENT ONE. vs. 3-9
A. The objects named could have symbolic meaning. In other places the Bible refers to multitudes of people as "waters." and to kingdoms as "mountains."
B. For our purpose, we will just think of all these objects as they are named.
C. The omnipotence of our Lord is seen in His control over nature...
   1. The voice of the Lord upon the waters is seen in destruction wrought in tidal waves...floods...etc.
   2. The voice of the Lord is heard in thunderings (v.3) and lightenings v.7).
   3. The voice of the Lord is heard in the winds that break cedars.
   4. The voice of the Lord is heard in the earthquakes that cause the mountains to skip (v.6) and the wildernesses' to shake.
   5. The voice of the Lord maketh the beast to give birth to their young...early or on time, it is by God's power.
   6. The voice of the Lord strips the forests bare.
C. David ends this by saying, "In His temple doeth everything speak of His glory." "Surely through this His universal temple, everything speaks of His glory."

III. LEARN THAT ALL GOD FEARING PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THE LORD AS KING OVER ALL FOR EVER. v.10
A. This no doubt refers to the flood in Noah's time when the Lord showed Himself to be King over man and nature.
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B. Rev. 19 speaks of the time when the Lord shall come in conquering glory and be called "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

C. It may have appeared that He was not King when He walked on the earth, BUT HE was and is and shall be forever.

IV. LEARN WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

A. The Lord shall give eternal strength.

B. The Lord shall bless us with eternal peace.