

PSALM 95

OCOME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.

5 The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7. For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and as in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It

is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 96

OSING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4 For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

8 Give unto the LORD the glory

due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10. Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM 97

THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.

2 Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

8. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

9 For thou, LORD, *art* high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM 98

A Psalm.

OSING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The LORD hath made known

his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together

9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM 99

THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people.

3 Let them praise thy great

and terrible name; *for it is* holy.

4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is* holy.

6. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.

PSALM 100

A Psalm of praise.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and

not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

PSALM 101

A Psalm of David.

IWILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked *person*.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that

telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSALM 102

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with

weeping,

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

12. But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down

from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23. He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalms 95—98 are known as Theocratic Psalms, because they relate to the sovereignty of God, and hint of the kingly reign of the coming Messiah.

The theme of Psalm 95 is sing, rejoice, God is King. We should kneel before Him, for we are His people. We should heed His voice. Verses 7-11 are quoted in Hebrews 3:7-11 as words of the Holy Spirit.

Again in Psalm 96 the theme is to sing, be joyful, be thankful, and praise God. For when He comes to judge the world it will be a day of triumph for God's people. The heavens should be glad and the earth should rejoice, for the Day of Judgment is on the way!

In Psalm 97 the Lord comes and the earth is moved. Psalm 98 is a song of the crowning day. Being a new song (verse 1), it may be one of those sung in heaven (see Revelation 5:9-14).

In Psalm 99 God reigns. He is holy; let the nations tremble. He loves justice and righteousness, and He answers prayer.

Psalm 100 is perhaps the best known of all the Psalms. It is a great Psalm of praise and adoration for the Lord. Verse 5 says, "The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." God, in His mercy and goodness, sent His Son to die for a people who deserved to die themselves. God's mercy toward mankind has lasted almost 6,000 years. Man receives mercy, not justice, when he comes to God through the Person of Jesus Christ; and His precious truth will endure until Jesus comes again.

Psalm 101 is a Psalm for rulers, thought possibly to have been written when David ascended to the throne.

Psalm 102 is a prayer of the afflicted. The writer of this Psalm seems to be overwhelmed, and is pouring out his complaint before the Lord. His cry is, "Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble: incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily." In spite of the affliction of the Psalmist, he never loses sight of the fact that the Lord shall endure forever.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 22: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

JEAN HUNTER

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1906

THE PURE FOOD LAW WAS ENACTED.

1921

WILLIAM TAFT BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Pray for our Supreme Court Justices of today. Pray for God to help them interpret the Constitution as our forefathers intended it interpreted. Pray that God will lead them to the Bible and prayer and to faith in a living God. Pray that God will show that their job is not the making of laws but the interpreting of laws. Oh, how we need wisdom and help in this branch of our government today.

1930

THE FIRST WORLD BROADCAST WAS MADE.

This turns our attention again to radio broadcasters and those who spread the Gospel by the airwaves. There are probably few better ways of spreading the Gospel than this one. There are many wonderful nationwide broadcasts. I think of Lester Roloff's "Family Altar" program, John R. Rice's "Voice of Revival," Jerry Falwell's "Old-Time Gospel Hour," J. Vernon McGee's "Through the Bible," and many others. It costs literally thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars a year for such ministries. Why not pray today for some nationwide radio preacher. Send him a gift. Pray today for their ministries. Perhaps your church has a radio ministry. Support it, pray for it, and have a part in it.

1958

ALASKA BECAME THE 49TH STATE.

Pray for our Christian friends in Alaska today, and for God's blessings to rest upon the work there. Your prayers are needed in this great state.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1881

HENRY HIGHLAND GARNET, FORMER ABOLITIONIST LEADER AND PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER, NAMED MINISTER TO LIBERIA. He died in Monrovia shortly after his arrival.

1958

SUPREME COURT REVERSED DECISION OF LOWER COURT which had confirmed \$100,000 contempt fine imposed by Alabama on NAACP for refusing to divulge membership.

1960

ZAIRE PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENT.

1967

MAJ. ROBERT H. LAWRENCE JR. NAMED FIRST BLACK ASTRONAUT. He was killed during a training flight on December 8, 1967.

1974

A BLACK MAN SHOT AND KILLED MRS MARTIN LUTHER KING SR. and deacon Edward Boykin during church services at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta. The assailant, Marcus Chennault of Dayton, Ohio, was later convicted and sentenced to death.

1978

LARRY DOBY BECAME MANAGER OF THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX baseball team. He was fired on October 19.

1906

JOHN HOPE BECAME THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF MOREHOUSE COLLEGE.

1951

NAACP BEGAN FRONTAL ATTACK ON SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION at elementary and high school levels, arguing that segregation was discrimination in cases before three-judged federal courts in South Carolina and Kansas. The South Carolina court, with a strong dissent from Judge E. Waites Warning, held that segregation was not discrimination, June 23. Kansas Court ruled that the separate facilities at issue were equal but said that segregation had an adverse effect on black children.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "THERE ARE TOO MANY HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH"

(Assignment 22)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

You are not to judge.

() Matthew 7:1

Judge not, that ye be not judged..

Those that try to judge are inexcusable.

() Romans 2:1

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Judgment of God according to truth.

() Romans 2:2

But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Those that judge do the same thing.

() Romans 2:3

And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Only accountable for yourself.

() Romans 14:12

So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God.