REASONS WHY GOD DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION

Psalm 29 - A psalm of David.

v1 Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. v2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness. v3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. v4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. v5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. v6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. v7 The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. v8 The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. v9 The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" v10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. v11 The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

I. The COMMAND to ACKNOWLEDGE GOD

1. IS GIVEN TO ALL

- i. The ANGELS are TOLD to "ascribe" = "v1 Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones"
- ii. The TEMPLE WORSHIPERS are TOLD to "all cry, "Glory!" " = "v9 And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

2. IS TO REMIND US WHO IS GOD

- i. **ascribe to the LORD glory** and strength. v2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory** due his name
- ii. **ascribe to the LORD** glory and **strength**. v2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name

3. IS TO REMIND US HOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE

- i. worship the LORD
- ii. in the splendour of his holiness

II. The REASON to ACKNOWLEDGE GOD

1. God SPEAKS.

i. His **WORDS OF CREATION** - v3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters."

Gen 1:2 Now the earth was [1] formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

ii. His **WORDS OF REVELATION** - v4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic."

Exodus 19:16-19 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. v17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. v18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain [2] trembled violently, v19 and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him. [3]

iii. His **WORDS OF WORSHIP** - v5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. v6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox."

1 Kings 5:10 In this way Hiram kept Solomon supplied with all the cedar and pine logs he wanted,

iv. His **WORDS OF WORSHIP** - v7 The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning."

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

v. His **WORDS OF JUDGEMENT** - v8 The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. v9 The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare."

Psalms 75:6-7 No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt a man. v7 But it is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.

2. God ACTS.

- i. His **SITS ON HIS THRONE** v10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever"
- ii. His **POURS OUT HIS BLESSING** v11 The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace."

Conclusion

Luke 8:22-25 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. v23 As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. v24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. v25 "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."