

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 105 – A Psalm of Remembrance

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 105

Introduction

No introductory information is given for this psalm so we cannot determine, at least from the psalm itself, who the writer is, or even the specific time or context of the writing; save that it had to be written after the historical information that is recorded in it. However, having said that, this psalm very closely resembles a psalm written in 1 Chronicles 16, which we know to be written and read by David at the time when the Ark of the Covenant returned to Jerusalem after being first in the land of the Philistines, and then later in the homes of Abinadab and Obbedom. You may remember that David attempted first to bring the ark back from the house of Abinadab, but did not transport the ark the way God directed in His Word. Instead of the Levites carrying the ark with staves (or poles), the ark was brought on a cart. Uzza was the driver of the cart, and when the oxen stumbled, Uzza laid hold on the ark to steady it, and was struck dead by God. This put an end to that attempt, and they took the ark to the home of Obbedom.

David was very upset when this happened, and the next time he made the attempt, he was very careful to move it God's way. In 1 Chronicles 16, David and the entire nation are rejoicing because the ark is in Jerusalem, and David had this psalm read before the congregation.

I A Call for Public Praise (vs. 1 – 2)

God does not want us to just praise God privately, nor does he want us to limit our praise to the House of God. He wants us to boldly declare our praise for Him in front of the world.

How will the world know how awesome our God is if we don't tell them, and show them.

"Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens." (1 Chronicles 16:23-26)

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence," (Isaiah 62:6)

"Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name." (2 Samuel 22:50)

"Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations." (1 Chronicles 16:24)

"Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name." (Psalm 18:49)

II A Charge for the People of God to Remember Him (vs. 3 – 6)

Here the people of God are challenged to remember all of the wonderful things that the Lord had done for them as a nation in the past.

Notice that there is strength when we remember the goodness of God. Our faith is strengthened, which strengthens our life.

III A Chronicle of God's Remembrance of Israel (vs. 7 – 44)

The remainder of the psalm is a chronicle of some of the Lord's marvelous works on behalf of the people of God. The psalmist begins with the nation prior to Egypt, and then records the Exodus from Egypt, and then finally God's protection and provision for them as they entered into Canaan.

Notice – the land of Ham (vs. 23 and 27) Ham was one of Noah's three sons, and he descended into the land south of Israel after the Flood.

"And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:"
(Psalm 78:51)

"They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea." (Psalm 106:21-22)