

Sunday Night Message

August 24, 2014

*Psalm 68 – Blessed Be God*

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 68

### **Introduction**

Notice – vs. 19, 26, 35

Notice also the command to worship God in vs. 3, 4, 26, 32, & 34

This psalm is introduced simply as a psalm or song of David.

The psalmist is praising God for what He has done in the past. In fact, this psalm traces the history of Israel from the time they left the Egypt up until all of the enemies were removed from the land, and even up to David's time:

Verse 1 is a reference to Numbers 10:33 – 35:

*"And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee." (Numbers 10:33-35)*

Also the people are admonished to praise God for what He will do in the future:

See vs. 21 – 23

There is also a prophetic element to this psalm – see v. 18 (compare with Ephesians 4:7 – 16)

When Jesus ascended into Heaven, He first descended into the lower parts of the earth and rescued the saints that have died and were waiting in Abraham's bosom or Paradise. (see Luke 16:19 - 31)

Thoughts from the passage:

**God's Distributed Bible - See v. 11** - We need a great company to publish God's Word today.

God has given the Word.

It is up to us to publish it.

There are few that are publishing the Word today. (See Matthew 9:35 – 38)

Publishing the Word has to do with the printing and distributing of the Word.

We should print Bibles and gospel materials in every language possible, and then ship them to where the people can get them. We also need to support those who distribute and minister the Word around the world.

Locally, we need to distribute and minister the Word ourselves. It is the Word of God that will change lives.

*"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

*"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)*

Distribution also involves preaching:

*"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Timothy 4:1-4)*

*"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." (Isaiah 58:1)*

## **God's Daily Benefits**

**See v. 19** – notice he loadeth us with benefits (blessings)

The song "I Just Want to Thank You Lord" speaks of some of the load of benefits that God gives us daily – every day.

## **God's Divine Brawn (Strength) - vs. 28 - 35**

God gives His people strength: to endure, and to conquer.

*"Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)*

*"With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding." (Job 12:13)*

*"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. ... It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect." (Psalms 18:2, 32)*

*"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." (Psalms 19:14)*

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalms 27:1)*

*"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." (Psalms 28:7)*

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*"The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity." (Proverbs 10:29)*

*"She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. ... Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come." (Proverbs 31:17, 25)*