



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 66:1-2 (NAS)

Topic: "Making God's Praise Glorious"

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- 1 Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;
- 2 Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious.
- 3 Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You.
- 4 "All the earth will worship You, And will sing praises to You; They will sing praises to Your name." Selah.
- 5 Come and see the works of God, Who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land; They passed through the river on foot; There let us rejoice in Him!
- 7 He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.
- 8 Bless our God, O peoples, And sound His praise abroad,
- 9 Who keeps us in life And does not allow our feet to slip.
- 10 For You have tried us, O God; You have refined us as silver is refined.
- 11 You brought us into the net; You laid an oppressive burden upon our loins.
- 12 You made men ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water, Yet You brought us out into a place of abundance.
- 13 I shall come into Your house with burnt offerings; I shall pay You my vows,
- 14 Which my lips uttered And my mouth spoke when I was in distress.
- 15 I shall offer to You burnt offerings of fat beasts, With the smoke of rams; I shall make an offering of bulls with male goats. Selah.
- 16 Come and hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul.
- 17 I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue.
- 18 If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;
- 19 But certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
- 20 Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer Nor His lovingkindness from me.

I. HOW SUCCESSFUL ARE YOU AT MAKING HIS PRAISE GLORIOUS?

- A. 80% - 100%
- B. 60% - 80%
- C. 40% - 60%
- D. 20% - 40%
- E. 0% - 20%

II. AUTHORSHIP AND COMPOSITION OF THE PSALM

- A. Unknown
 1. Possibly David
 2. Possibly King Hezekiah
- B. The Psalm Breaks Into Two Sections
 1. First half (vs. 1-12) focus on national or corporate praise
 2. Second half (vs. 13-20) call for individual praise

III. CORPORATELY MAKE GOD'S PRAISE GLORIOUS vs. 1-12

- A. Shout Joyfully Calls For Exuberant Praise
- B. Not Distracted Mouthing Of Words
- C. Heartfelt Praise For What God Has Done Through His Son *John 4:24*
- D. Calling All The Nations To Praise God *Joshua 2:9, 10*
- E. By Appropriate Response To Trials
 1. It is God who brings the trials
 2. God does no evil in His actions
 3. Brings forth the peaceful fruit of righteousness *Hebrews 12:6, 11*

IV. THE SWITCH TO INDIVIDUAL PRAISE vs. 13-20

- A. The Psalmist Speaks In The First Person
- B. The Animal Sacrifices Are Replaced By The Perfect Sacrifice
- C. We Are Called To Give Our Lives In Sacrifice Of Service *Romans 12:1*
- D. We Are To Make God's Praise Glorious By Telling Others
- E. We Are Not To Harbor Wickedness In Our Heart
- F. We Are To tell Others Of How God Answers Prayer

OUR RESPONSE:

- 1. Heart-felt Involvement In Public Praise**
- 2. Do Not Neglect Private Worship**
- 3. Pour Out Our Concerns In Prayer And Tell Others How God Answers Prayer**