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The Lord of the Storm
Psalm 29

Have you ever been through a really scary storm? Survivors of hurricane Katrina can tell you that this is very frightening experience! Storms remind us how vulnerable we are. But they also teach us some great theology: Our God creates and controls the storm! Psalm 29 reminds us that as great and powerful is the storm, God is more powerful still!

I. The Call to Praise the Lord 1-2

A. An Invitation to Praise 1a

Who are the “sons of the mighty”?

B. A Description of God 1b-2a

What exactly is David telling us to do?

C. An Invitation to Worship 2b

What is the significance of “holy array”?

II. The Voice of Yahweh in the Storm 3-9

Verses 3-9 take us into the eye of the storm to experience the power and majesty of God over nature.

David uses the personal name of God which is revealed in Exodus 3:13-15. The name “Yahweh” means “He

is.” When God says it, it means “_____.”

How many times is the expression “the voice of the LORD” used in these verses? To what does this poetic expression allude?

- A. The voice of Yahweh is upon the waters. 3
- B. The voice of Yahweh is powerful. 4b
- C. The voice of Yahweh is full of majesty. 4c
- D. The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars. 5-6
- E. The voice of Yahweh sends out lightning. 7
- F. The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness. 8
- G. The voice of Yahweh makes deer to calve. 9

Recall a storm that you have experienced personally. Can you identify with any of the poetic descriptions David gives us in verses 3-9?

H. How do you respond to God’s powerful display in the storm? 9c

There is no other way to express the feeling of wonder and amazement by to exclaim
“_____!”

III. The Sovereignty of Yahweh Over the Storm 10-11

What kind of storm are you or your experiencing? Describe the nature of this storm. Is it physical or spiritual? Are

you just entering this storm, in the midst, or coming out the other side?

A. Yahweh is the King of the storm. 10

1. Looking back 10a

2. Looking ahead 10b

B. Yahweh will bless His people 11

1. God will give us _____. 11a

Strength to face the challenges and to come out victorious. Phil. 4:13

2. God will give us _____ 11b

Peace and calm in the midst and at the end of the storm. Jn 14:27; Phil. 4:6-7

4. Storms often come unexpectedly, but can you anticipate the next storm in life you might encounter? What might that involve? How has your study of Psalm 29 prepared you for what God has for you out beyond the horizon?

On-Line Resources:

<http://www.easyenglish.info/psalms/psalm029-taw.htm>

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<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/calvin/calcom08.xxxv.html>

<http://biblecommenter.com/psalms/29-1.htm>

For Further Study:

1. Identify the key words in Psalm 29. Key words are usually words that are emphasized by the use of repetition. What is the message in these key words?
2. How does verse 10 provide encouragement for you as you go through the storms of life?
3. Identify the promises given to God's people as they go through the storms of life (v. 11). What do these promises mean to you personally?