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**BIBLE STUDY**

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 **[MY] GLORY CAN NOT BE SILENT**

**Psalms 30:1-12**

**{A Psalm [and] Song [at] the dedication of the house of David.}**

***Psalms 30:1 I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me."***

David exalts God for lifting and delivering him from a deep pit and preventing his enemies from celebrating his downfall. The word extol, in the verse above, means raise or exalt. We see, then, that David is lifting the Lord in praise. We know that David, like us, made mistakes and was punished for those mistakes. The wonderful thing, in this, is that God has forgiven David and lifted him up from his pit of despair. The greatest rejoicing is when we were guilty of sin and are now forgiven. When David numbered the people without God's permission, God punished David severely. The people looking on thought that the blessings of God were off David. The good news is, God forgave David, and now David's foes had nothing to laugh about.

***2 Samuel 24:10-14***

***10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the Lord, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O Lord, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.***

***11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the Lord came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,***

***12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.***

***13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.***

***14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.***

***Psalms 30:2 "O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me."***

In this case, the healing possibly was of a broken heart. We know God had sent pestilence through the land, because of David's sin. God lifted the pestilence, because of the prayers of David. I wonder sometimes how God feels about all the numbering systems in our society. Thank God, we are not a number with Him, He has a special name for each of us who belong to Him. We must always pray about the sins in our society.

***II Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."***

***Psalms 30:3 "O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit."***

The one thing that David dreaded was dying before God forgave him of the sin he had committed. It is a dreadful thing to die in sin. To die in sin would mean that the person would wind up in hell. The pit spoken of here is hell. David had been near death, because of his sin, but God spared him. David is fully aware that God saved him. He deserved death, but God saved him. This is the very condition of all of us. We deserve to die for our sin, but Jesus became our substitute on the cross that we might be saved. Just as in the verse above David believed that God saved him, we must believe that Jesus saved us.

***Psalms 30:4 "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."***

Notice, this verse lets us know that the statements David has been making apply to us, as well. We have so much to praise God for. It was not just the followers of God, then, who were saints of His, but all believers, now, are saints of His. We are His because He bought us with His precious blood. We are cautioned to be holy, for He is holy. We are not holy, but we must desire to be holy and work toward that goal. We are, however, in right standing with God, for we have taken on the righteousness of Christ. He invites the people of God to sing to the Lord and praise him.

***Psalms 30:5 "For his anger [endureth but] a moment; in his favour [is] life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy [cometh] in the morning."***

Thankfully God’s anger with his children is temporary. He is eager to reverse course and bring blessing. Weeping may stay overnight, but there is joy in the morning. This should encourage us in repentance. God does not enjoy bringing discipline but prefers to shower us with his grace. One of the most beautiful acts of forgiveness that God did, is when He forgave the children of Israel for making the golden calf and worshipping it. Moses pleaded for the people, and God forgave them. We see, here, that David pleaded with God, and God forgave him. When we sin, we should follow this example and plead for forgiveness. God is longsuffering. When trials in this life come {and they do to all of us}, remember joy cometh in the morning. At

the darkest point of night, the dawn is beginning to come.

***II Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."***

***Psalms 30:6 " And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved."***

Feeling secure and self-assured, David had said of himself, I will never be shaken. In other words, he had become proud and independent from God. This problem of David's pride is the problem of the whole world.

***Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”***

When times are going well, we are not seeking the face of God. It is in our time of sorrow that we cry out to God. Really, this is a vain statement by David, but a statement that all too many of us make, as well. When there is no temptation, we feel that we are sitting pretty with God. Let temptation come, and we may fall like David did. We grow very little on the mountain top. It is in the valley that we grow.

***Romans 5:3-5***

***3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;***

***4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:***

***5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.***

***Psalms 30:7 "LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, [and] I was troubled."***

David’s pride led to divine discipline. God hid [his] face, removing his covering and presence. God hates pride. It was the sin of Satan. Therefore, a prideful heart will always drive him away.

***1 Peter 5:5 “Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”***

At least, David gives God the credit for his mountain standing strong. When we get to feeling as if we have won and we are on the top of our mountain, sometimes the mountain begins to shake, and we must go back into the valley to be taught a lesson. The worst feeling any believer can experience is feeling that God has turned His face away from him. We, too, are troubled when we feel that God has turned away. It is time to repent when this happens. We may not realize that we have offended God, but that would be the only reason He would remove His presence. We should refuse to go to a church where the presence of God is not evident.

***Psalms 30:8 "I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication."***

When experiencing the disciplining divine hand, David humbled himself and sought favor from God. He pleaded with God for forgiveness. The only place to go in time of trouble is to the Lord. David did not go around whining to his friends, he went to the Lord. My help cometh from the Lord. To cry to the Lord is much more than just a little quicky prayer. This is a very serious seeking of the Lord.

***Psalms 30:9 "What profit [is there] in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?"***

David says here, If I die and go to hell, I can't praise you. What will that profit? David knows that God loved him and made him what he was. Even the name, David, means {beloved of God}. David is saying, Lord if you let me live, I will ever praise your name. I will declare to all who you are and your truth. After all, if he were to descend to the Pit in death, he could not praise God or proclaim his truth. He wanted God’s healing and restoration so that he could publicly exalt the God who delivers. Have you ever made such a deal with God? You know that you are alive and breathing your next breath by His permission. Are you spreading the wonderful truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

***Psalms 30:10 "Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper."***

God is our helper, likewise when we are obedient, we in a sense, are also His helper. God is the Boss; we are His workers on this earth.

***2 Chronicles 25:8 “But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down”.***

***Psalm 146:5 “Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:”***

***Isaiah 41:10 “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”***

***Acts 26:22 “Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:”***

***Judges 5:23 “Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.”***

The cry for mercy from God is as old as man himself. Man cannot live a successful life without God. When we allow Jesus to be Lord of our life, as well as our Saviour, we do it His way, and it works. Lord Jesus, take up your abode in me. Let the Holy Spirit be my teacher and my Guide. As we live this life, let us no longer live for self, but Jesus.

***Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."***

***Psalms 30:11 "Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;"***

David concludes the psalm, celebrating how God had removed the sackcloth of his sorrow and replaced it with the clothing of gladness. Just one touch of the Lord, and the mourning is gone. God turned David's mourning into dancing. The power of God has come upon him with such joy that it has overwhelmed David in the Spirit of God. The Jews put on sackcloth when they were mourning and poured ashes over their head. We see that David's earnest desire to reach the very throne room of God, had caused him to even wear sackcloth. Notice, where the overwhelming gladness came from. It was from God.

***Psalms 30:12 To the end that [my] glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.***

David refuses to be silent. How could he be? How can we be? He declares “my glory may sing praise to thee”. He is deliberately “Glorifying God”. The concept of “Glorifying God” is that of honoring God with one’s life.

***1 Corinthians 10:31 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”***

Glorifying God in everything means we honor Him in our thoughts and actions. When we focus on God’s Word, we know what is right and can follow through with doing what is right. Jesus always glorified His Father in heaven. Jesus was a man of the Word, fully committed to God’s will, and His example in overcoming temptation offers hope to all of us who seek to stand firm during times of testing.

***John 13:31-32***

***31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.***

***32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.***

Another way we glorify God in everything we do is in the proper treatment of our bodies.

***1 Corinthians 6:19-20***

***19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?***

***20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.***

To glorify God in everything, we must “exercise faith” (Hebrews 11:6), “love without hypocrisy” (Romans 12:9), “deny ourselves” (Luke 9:23), “be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18), and offer ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God (Romans 12:1). Every area of life is important to evaluate and live to its fullest for the glory and honor of God. We should strive for every thought and deed to bring joy to our Father in heaven.

***Jeremiah 9:24 “But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.”***

When we experience the deliverance of God in whatever form it takes spiritual, physical, emotional, relational, financial, etc., let our testimony be the same as David’s: Lord my God, I will praise you forever.” Too often we forget to praise God for the things He has already done for us. David promises God, in this verse that He will praise Him forever. “My glory” means David's lips speaking dedicated praise that comes from David's delivered life. Let us not forget to praise God in song and in word from our innermost being for all He has done for us.

**Questions**

1. This Psalm of David or song was at the dedication of what?
2. What does extol in verse 1 mean?
3. What is the wonderful thing, in verse 1, since David had sinned?
4. The healing, David is speaking of in verse 2, is possibly of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Why had God lifted the pestilence through the land?
6. What do you think God thinks about all the numbering in our society today?
7. With God we are not a number, He has given us a special \_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. We deserve to die for the sin in our life, but Jesus became our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. What statement, in verse 4, leaves no doubt that this was not just for David's time?
10. Who petitioned God on their behalf?
11. Where is the only place to go in time of trouble?
12. What is David saying, really, in verse 9?
13. What does the name, David, mean?
14. Who is the Boss of the entire universe?
15. Man cannot live a successful life without \_\_\_.
16. What had God turned David's mourning to?
17. When did the Jews put on sackcloth?
18. What does, my glory, in verse 12 mean?