

November 19, 2023 – Sermon Notes

“The Thankful Lives of Thankful Heirs”

Psalm 104:35 – 105:45

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Psalm 105

Psalm of David

1 Chronicles 16 repeats first 15 verses and identifies it as a Psalm of David that he delivered to Asaph – singer, musician, wrote 12 ...

Books of the Psalms:

- Book 1: 1-41
- Book 2: 42-72
- Book 3: 73-89
- Book 4: 90-106
- Book 5: 107-150

End of book 4 – 105 & 106 go together

Interestingly the phrase “Praise the Lord” at the end of 104:35 should really be the opening line in Psalm 105

The chapter divisions in the Bible are not part of the inspired text

They were not part of the original writing

Chapter divisions added in the 1200s

The Wycliffe English Bible of 1382 – 1st to use chapters

The OT was divided into verses in the mid 1400s

The NT was divided into verses a century later – 1500s

Let me show you why “Praise the Lord” at the end of chapter 104 belongs at the beginning of 105 ... inclusion in Hebrew poetry.

Septuagint – 3rd C. B.C. ~ 72 Jewish scholars ~ Latin for 70

So, let’s read our text ...

Psalms 104:35 ... Praise the LORD!

(1) Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! **(2)** Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! **(3)** Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! **(4)** Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore! **(5)** Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

(6) O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones! (7) He is the LORD our God; His judgments *are* in all the earth. (8) He remembers His covenant forever, The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations, (9) *The covenant* which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, (10) And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant, (11) Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan As the allotment of your inheritance,"

Title: “The Thankful Lives of Thankful Heirs”

We are heirs!

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

INTRO

David is addressing the children of Israel:

(6) O seed of Abraham **His servant Yahweh’s servant**, You children of Jacob, **His chosen ones!**

He is reminding these chosen ones who their God is:

(7) He is the **LORD Yahweh** our God; His judgments **decisions, great wisdom** *are* in all the earth.

(8) He remembers His **covenant solemn promise** forever, The word *which* He commanded, **for a thousand generations, never forgets**

Specifically, the covenant He made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob concerning their inheritance of the Promised Land:

(9) *The covenant* which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, (10) And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant, (11) Saying, "To you I will give **the land of Canaan** As the allotment of your **inheritance**,"

We’ll see this in the book of Genesis ... beginning in chapter 12 with the history of Abraham recorded there

Canaan = the land between the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea

In the news lately ... chanting “from the river to the sea”

It has come to be a call for the destruction of the State of Israel and the annihilation of the Jewish people who occupy that state and territory.

We need to make a distinction between the modern state of Israel and the Jewish people – the promises of God to the Jewish people are irrevocable ... 1948

So, what we have here in verses 9-10 is a copy of the title deed to the Promised Land given by God to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in Genesis and to their descendants forever!

- It doesn't matter what the United Nations says about it
- It doesn't matter what the nation of Iran says about it
- It doesn't matter what the Arabs say about it
- It doesn't matter what the United States says about it

David in this Psalm is reminding God's people that their God is a covenant keeping God!

vv. 12-45 = THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL

Number of places in both the Old and New Testaments ... ex: Acts 7
Stephen

David's intention is to remind the people how God has always cared for them, and worked His sovereign will to keep them and preserve them, and keep His covenant with them.

6 sections

God was with them during the Times of the Patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the sons of Jacob

(12) When they were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it. **(13)** When they went from one nation to another, From *one* kingdom to another people, **(14)** He permitted no one to do them wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes, **(15)** *Saying*, "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."

God Was with them There During the Great Famine in the Land – He Sent Joseph Ahead for To Save All the Family of Jacob from Starvation

(16) Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread. **(17)** He sent a man before them—Joseph—*who* was sold as a slave. **(18)** They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. **(19)** Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him. **(20)** The king sent and released him, The ruler of the people let him go free. **(21)** He made him lord of his house, And ruler of all his possessions, **(22)** To bind his princes at his pleasure, And teach his elders wisdom. **(23)** Israel also came into Egypt, And Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

God Was With Them When They Were in Egyptian Slavery for 400+ years

(24) He increased His people greatly, And made them stronger than their enemies. (25) He turned their heart to hate His people, To deal craftily with His servants.

God Was With Them When He was Ready to Deliver Them from Egyptian Slavery

(26) He sent Moses His servant, *And* Aaron whom He had chosen. (27) They performed His signs among them, And wonders in the land of Ham. (28) He sent darkness, and made *it* dark; And they did not rebel against His word. (29) He turned their waters into blood, And killed their fish. (30) Their land abounded with frogs, *Even* in the chambers of their kings. (31) He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, *And* lice in all their territory. (32) He gave them hail for rain, *And* flaming fire in their land. (33) He struck their vines also, and their fig trees, And splintered the trees of their territory. (34) He spoke, and locusts came, Young locusts without number, (35) And ate up all the vegetation in their land, And devoured the fruit of their ground. (36) He also destroyed all the firstborn in their land, The first of all their strength. (37) He also brought them out with silver and gold, And *there was* none feeble among His tribes. (38) Egypt was glad when they departed, For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

God Was With Them and Cared for Them During Their Years of Wandering in the Wilderness

(39) He spread a cloud for a covering, And fire to give light in the night. (40) *The people* asked, and He brought quail, And satisfied them with the bread of heaven. (41) He opened the rock, and water gushed out; It ran in the dry places *like* a river.

Finally, God Fulfilled His Solemn Promise and Gave The Land of Promise Into Their Possession

(42) For He remembered His holy promise, *And* Abraham His servant. (43) He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness. (44) He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of the nations, (45) That they might observe His statutes And keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

David: This is the kind of God we serve! A covenant-keeping God!

Centuries

God is faithful to His Word –

to the word which He commanded

to the solemn promise He made

to the oath He has made ... even to a thousand generations

There is an obvious application to us.

We are God's people! He is our God! We are His chosen!

We are in a covenant relationship with Him!

It's a covenant sealed with the blood of His Son!

We are promised an inheritance!

Ephesians 1:13-14 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise, **(14)** who is the **guarantee down payment** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Oh, how we ought to live thankful lives!

What does a life that is truly thankful to the LORD look like? 1-5

I. It's a Life That Praises Him 104:35

"Hallelujah"

Worship

Psalms 145:3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.

Psalms 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

II. It's a Life That Gives thanks to Him! 1a

(1a) Oh, give thanks to the LORD! **with our lips – express the thanks that is in our hearts!**

Psalms 35:18 I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.

Psalms 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

III. It's a Life That Calls Upon His Name 1b

Prayer:

Psalms 116:2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live.

{Grandchildren: "Papa" ...}

Psalms 116:13 I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD.

{Kent Stainback – series on prayer: S. Lewis Johnson ...}

Psalms 116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalms 145:18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

Romans 10:13 For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

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IV. It's a Life That Makes Known His Deeds Among the Peoples 1c

Psalms 89:1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 96:3 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

Just these things in this first verse would be a great start in demonstrating a life of true thankfulness!

V. It's a Life That Sings to Him 2a

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him

Psalms 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

Ephesians 5:19 speaking to one another in **psalms the Psalter** and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

VI. It's a Life That Talks of All His Wondrous Works 2b

Psalms 77:12 I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

Psalms 78:2a, 4b

(2a) I will open my mouth ... **(4b)** ... Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

VII. It's a Life That Glories In His Holy Name 3a

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; **(24)** But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

VIII. It's a Life That Rejoices While Seeking Him 3b

Why can we rejoice while seeking Him? Because He will be found by those who seek Him!

Lamentations 3:25 The LORD *is* good to those who wait for Him, To the soul *who* seeks Him.

Luke 11:9-10 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **(10)** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

1 Chronicles 28:9 & 2 Chronicles 15:2 ... if you seek Him, He will be found by you.

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IX. It's a Life That Seeks Him and His Strength and Seeks His Face Evermore

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Nehemiah 8:10 ... the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalms 27:8 *When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."*

1 John 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

(3) And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Matthew 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*

Revelation 22:3-4 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. **(4)** They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.

X. It's a Life That Remembers His Marvelous Works, Wonders, and Judgments 5

Psalms 77:11-12 I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. **(12)** I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

Psalms 107:15, 21, 31

Conclusion

What does a thankful life look like?

It's a life that:

Praises the LORD

Expresses Thanks to the LORD

Calls Upon His Name (prayer)

Makes Known His Deeds Among the Peoples

Sings to Him

Talks of All His Wondrous Works

Glories In His Holy Name

Rejoices While Seeking Him

Seeks Him and His Strength and His Face

Remembers His Works, Wonders, and Judgments

Oh, that our lives would demonstrate our thankfulness in all these ways!