

## **Longing for God's Peace in the Storm**

### **Psalm 29**

“Just as the eighth psalm is to be read by moonlight... as the nineteenth psalm needs the rays of the rising sun to bring out its beauty, so this can be best rehearsed under the black wing of the tempest, by the glare of the lightning. God is everywhere conspicuous, and all the earth is hushed by the majesty of his presence.”

Charles Spurgeon

**Psalm 29 is written to remind us when we face the storms of life that Yahweh is God and thank God, we are not.**

### **I. Listen Far Above the Storm - Psalm 29:1-2**

“Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.”

Psalm 29:1-2

“In Psalm 29, David's marvelous poetic gift watches the storm sweeping in from the sea, marching spectacularly down the country causing havoc; trees crashing down, open country devastated. In Yahweh's temple there is only one word, maybe shouted in exultation; maybe whispered in awe: 'Glory' Yahweh in all his glory is in the storm.”

Alec Motyer

**“the roots of everything that takes place in this world are in the invisible world.”**

Keil and Delitzsch

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore, I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know... I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore, I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

Job 42:1-6

“From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal...And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,

who was and is and is to come!”

Revelation 4:5,6,8

“Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

it was granted her to clothe herself

with fine linen, bright and pure”—

Revelation 19:6-8

“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were altogether in one place. And suddenly, there came from heaven as sound of a mighty rushing wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.”

Acts 2:1-2

For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

Acts 2:25-28

That One who let his hands be nailed for you is the One who holds the storm.

“Once as I rode out into the woods for my health in 1737, having alighted from my horse in a retired place, as my manner commonly has been, to walk for divine contemplation and prayer, I had a view, that for me was extraordinary, of the glory of the Son of God, as Mediator between God and man, and his wonderful, great, full, pure and sweet grace and love and meek, gentle condescension. This grace that appeared so calm and sweet appeared also great above the heavens.

“The person of Christ appeared ineffably excellent, with an excellency great enough to swallow up all thought and conception—which continued, as near as I can judge, about an hour; which kept me the greater part of the time in a flood of tears, and weeping aloud. I felt an ardency of soul to be what I know not otherwise how to express, emptied and annihilated; to lie in the dust; and to be full of Christ alone; to love him; to serve and follow him; and to be perfectly sanctified and made pure, with a divine and heavenly purity.”

Jonathan Edwards

Do you have a deep sense of the transcendent glory of the Lord Jesus reigning above the storm?

## II. Listen the Voice In the Storm - Psalm 29:3-10

“The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.”

Psalm 29:3-4

“The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.”

Psalm 29:10

“Every tempest calls to mind this judgment (the Flood) and its merciful issue, for it comes before us in sacred history as the first appearance of rain with lightning and thunder and how in the clouds speaking its message of peace.” - Keil and Delitzsch

In the storm, we hear the roar of the Lord God declaring His sovereignty!

We are reminded also of His saving grace in Christ.

“And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “*Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?*”

Luke 8:24-25

The Lord of the storm is Jesus and we are to seek our refuge in Him.

## III. Let the Lord of the Storm Calm the Storm in Your Soul

Psalm 29:12

“May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace.”

Psalm 29:11

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Psalm 46:10

Remember in Christ, we can sing a greater song than the angels!

“Now let us join with hearts and tongues,  
And emulate the angels’ songs;  
Yea, sinners may address their King  
In songs that angels cannot sing.  
They praise the Lamb who once was slain,  
But we can add a higher strain;  
Not only say, He suffered thus,  
But that He suffered all for us.”  
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John Newton