

## Part 1 – The Glory and Strength of the Lord

In chapter twenty-eight, part 1 we learned the this Psalm was a '*prayer for punishment of the wicked*', which is why David began the prayer by 'crying' (calling out to) the Lord (YHVH) for help. He also begged the Lord not to be silent because His silence would make David feel like he was one of the sinners who the Lord refuses to hear because they don't love, respect or obey Him. Yet, David *did* love the Lord with *all* his heart. And he also repented for his sins and continued to search his heart (as Psalms 26 pointed out) to see if there was any sin left, that he needed to repent for; or if there were any actions he needed to change. That's why David said the Lord was his 'Rock'. David's faith was firmly founded upon God's Word (Jesus Christ) and he knew the Lord was the *only one* who could help him during his times of trouble. And, David did have many troubles in his life. But, as Psalms 18 explained, the Lord delivered him out of them all. But this prayer was written at a time when David was under immense persecutions, so that's why he 'cried out' (call out) to the Lord for help. And it's a good lesson for us too. When we're going through hard times, it does not hurt for us to pray to God and ask Him for help because He's truly the *only one* who can help us. For indeed, the Lord delights in helping those who are oppressed by the wicked because *He does not like to see His children hurt each other*. But, what we must also learn from David is to make sure we are doing 'our part' to deserve God's help. For, if we are willingly holding sin in our heart, we don't deserve God's mercy, grace or help. So, it's good to continue to seek our Heavenly Father by studying His Word, examining our self (our heart, mind, words and actions) to see if we need to change anything. If we do find sin, we must quickly repent (sincerely) of it and strive to change it, from the inside out (from our heart and mind to our actions and words). If we diligently do this, we can rest assured, no matter how hard times get, the Lord will always help us because (to reiterate) the Lord (YHVH) does delight in helping those who are oppressed.

In part 2 we learned more about David's '*prayer for punishment of the wicked*'. And he did so by lifting up his hands (in earnest prayer) to the 'oracle' of the Temple, which was God's throne, i.e. His Mercy Seat in the Holies of Holies. David humbly besought the Lord to hear him because he was being intensely persecuted. And so, he prayed for the wicked to be recompensed for their vile sins, which are truly rebelling against Him, the Most-High God. And so, we again learned of the 'common theme' of the Bible, which is how the wicked *will* 'fall' by their own 'pits' *and* by their own 'nets' (snares, traps) they make for the righteous. Thus, their own *words* and wicked *ways* will come back to 'bite' them, big time. Prov 12:13 tells us that *the wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble*. In other words, the wicked of this earth will be convicted, and die, *by their own sword*, - which is to say, *by the weapons of their own devising*, including the lies, deception and pronouncements coming out of their mouths, which they've used to help tear down Christianity (and the western Christian nations) and place themselves in charge of our heavenly Father's kingdom on this earth (Matt 11:12).

In part 3 we learned how we are to 'bless' the Lord (YHVH) by sincerely worshiping Him, and giving Him thanks for all He has done for us. David also pointed out that the Lord was his strength (security) and his shield (protector) *because* he trusted in Him. And it was because

David continued to trust in Him (and strove to obey Him sincerely) that the Lord *always* helped him. As Psalm 18 pointed out, the Lord gave David the victory over *all* his enemies. And that was because David *never* apostatized by worshiping other gods or idols. And because the Lord always helped him, David also points out that his heart greatly rejoiced for the Lord's kindness to him and that's what caused him to sing songs to praise Him. And it's a good thing he did so, because we have many of his songs documented in the Psalms; from which we can learn so much from, because David was also a prophet (Acts 2). So, not only do we learn how wise it is to trust in the Lord (because the blessings for doing so are manifested in David's life and in these Psalms) but we also learn of things yet to come. And because of that, we can learn how to prepare for the times of trouble, both spiritually (in our heart and mind) and physically as well. David also pointed out that God's saving strength lies within His 'Anointed' Messiah, who gives us His Holy Spirit to strengthen our soul by teaching us what His Word really means and how to obey it sincerely, from the heart, no matter what comes up in life.

David ended his 'prayer for punishment of the wicked' by asking the Lord (YHVH) to save His people, bless them, feed them and lift them up forever. These are promised blessings that come when we obey our Heavenly Father, as Lev 26 and Deut 28 explain. So, even though David asked the Lord to punish the wicked, he was also asking Him to save His people by sending His Messiah. Because David well knew that the only way the Lord's chosen people (Israel) could ever obey Him (and receive blessings) is with the help of the Messiah, by the presence of God's Holy Spirit within us. And this request to bless Israel is not only contained to the physical descendants of Israel (who accept the Messiah), it also applies to those of *any* race or gender who accept the Messiah, Jesus Christ. For they too can receive God's blessings when they cleave to God through faith in Jesus Christ. *Anyone* who accepts, follows and serves Jesus Christ will receive blessings from God. Most of all blessings is the peace of mind, and heart, that comes from having a close relationship with our Creator; but we'll also obtain eternal life when Jesus returns *if* we remain faithful to Him and do not worship other gods or idols. This is, of course, especially important to remember when Satan comes to earth trying to get us to apostatize from the Lord. So, while this prayer asked God to punish the wicked, David also made sure to thank and praise the Lord for doing so and he also remember to ask the Lord to bless those who love and serve Him. And our Heavenly Father is faithful to do so... as long as we remain faithful to Him, He'll always be faithful to us. He'll never forsake us so long as we don't forsake Him.

We now move on to another Psalm of David and it's quite unique because David uses God's impact upon His nature to help us understand, and be able to relate to, His mighty power. Indeed, most people have a hard time understanding just how powerful our Heavenly Father is and therefore they have a hard time grasping just what He is capable of, especially in regards to His ability to punish the wicked and reward those who serve Him. But, as Paul explains in his letter to the Romans: *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:* (Rom 1:29). Paul explains that we really have no excuse to rebel against God. For even though we cannot see Him - His power, and His glory, *can be understood* simply by observing the world we live in. David expressed this point back in Psalms chapter 19 as well

[[https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks\\_Psalms/183](https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/183)] when he wrote: *The heavens **declare** the glory of God; and the firmament **sheweth** his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard* (Ps 19:1-3).

Let's also remember that the last Psalm (28) was David praying that the Lord (YHVH) would punish the wicked, but keep the righteous (who accept God's Messiah) safe and blessed. This Psalm will now teach us how the Lord (YHVH) is indeed *able* to do such things, for it expresses His power over *all* His creation. The point to remember is, if God can control nature itself (which He alone controls it) then He certainly is able to punish the wicked and keep His faithful servants safe, and bless them as well. This is a concept the wicked have a hard time believing, which (of course) is why they don't fear to do evil. Fear of God's mighty power is what causes people to stop doing evil (Prov 16:6). This is actually the same point Peter makes in 2 Peter 3:3-14. Peter explains that, people are *willingly* ignorant that the Lord overthrew Satan, and his wicked system in the first earth age [learn more in **3 Word ages**: <https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/453>], by destroying the earth with a *great* shaking which flooded the entire earth [it does *not* speak of Noah's flood. Learn why here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/413>]. And in verse 11 he thus says that, because of the many examples of what God has *already* done to overthrow the wicked (Satan's overthrow, Noah's flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, etc.) ... *what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness*. In other words, God has already showed His great power, and intolerance for wickedness, *many* times; and we should, therefore, take heed to these examples and strive to obey Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. In this Psalm, David is going to 'hammer home' on this point as well. So, with that understanding, let's look at this uniquely enlightening Psalm of David...

### *Psalm 29*

*I A Psalm of David.*

*Give unto the LORD, **O ye mighty**, give unto the LORD glory and strength.*

So, David begins this Psalm by telling the 'mighty' to (twice) give unto the Lord (YHVH) glory and strength. Who are the 'mighty' that David is addressing? The words '**O ye mighty**' are all one Hebrew word, *ben* (#1121), which means: **a son** (as a builder of the family name), in the widest sense (of literal and figurative relationship, including grandson, subject, nation, quality or condition, etc. **But what 'sons'**? The *Companion Bible* notes that the Targum (the Aramaic translation of the Bible) renders the words 'O ye mighty' as **angels**. And, the *Moffett Bible* does as well. And even the *Living Bible* renders it this way. And the NIV renders it as 'heavenly beings'. So, the 'sons' (mighty) David is referring to here are what many think of as 'angels' but truly, they too are 'sons of God', simply because they are God's children who are living in the 'heavenly' dimension. And we should understand that, we who live in the flesh body *came from* that heavenly dimension. And actually, when we are not in our flesh bodies (either before we come to earth in a flesh body, or after we die and go back to that 'heavenly dimension') we too are considered 'angels'. But that doesn't mean all 'angels' are good, for in Genesis 6 the 'sons of God' came to earth from heaven to 'marry' flesh women (Gen 6:2,4). This was in direct rebellion

to God's rules. And they did so to try and destroy the lineage through which Jesus Christ would come through. For their disobedience to the Lord, as Jude 6 tells us, *the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day*. So, not everyone in that 'heavenly dimension' is a good 'angel' and they are not all allowed to roam free. As Jesus taught us in the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, in Luke 16, there is a 'gulf' that separates the 'sinners' from the 'righteous'. But the point to our study here is that, the 'angels' in 'heaven' (good or bad) are all 'sons of God', simply because our Heavenly Father created us all in the first earth age. And in Job 1:6 and Job 2:1 the 'angels' are also called the 'sons of God' - even Satan is a 'son of God' (Ek 28:13,15). And in Job 38:7, the Lord (YHVH) even says that, at one point in time, *the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy*. This was, of course, before the destruction of the first earth age. In case you're not familiar with this, you can check out the study on the **Gen 1** here: [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/183?single>]. But to briefly summarize: Satan corrupted the earth and the Lord destroyed the earth *age* on account of that. But before Satan became corrupted (and corrupted other of God's children, Ezek 28, Rev 12) all of God's children got along just fine, as Job 38:7 tells us.

So here, David is addressing, and even calling on the (good) angels in heaven, to give unto the Lord (YHVH) 'glory and strength'... *why?* Well, one reason is because he's about to point out how powerful YHVH is; and he's thus asking the angels in heaven to 'give' (ascribe or bring as due) 'glory and strength' to the Lord by echoing that power back to the Lord *in the form of praise*. He does this again in Psalm 103...

*20 Bless the LORD, **ye his angels**, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.*

*21 Bless ye the LORD, **all ye his hosts** [His army of angels in heaven]; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.*

*22 Bless the LORD, **all his works** in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.*  
Ps 103:20-22

### *Psalm 29*

*2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

As the *Companion Bible* points out, the term 'give' means to *ascribe* or *bring as due* the glory due the Lord's Sacred name, which is *Yehovah* (#3068) [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. The Psalmist of Psalms 96 (which, it's not recorded who that is) did this also in verses 7-8. And in verse 9, the Psalmist also says calls for the people to worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: *fear before him, all the earth*, just as David does here. The *Companion Bible* states that the last phrase 'in the beauty of holiness' could be rendered as to worship the Lord '*in His glorious Sanctuary*' and cites 2 Chron 20:9 as reason for this. This verse says that the king of Judah at the time (Jehoshaphat) appointed singers unto the Lord (YHVH) to ***praise the beauty of holiness***, *as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever*. And the reason he did this was because the Lord had promised to deliver them from the

Ammonites, Moabites and Edomites (Mt Seir) who came to fight then. And indeed, the Lord did save Judah because their king was trying to obey the Lord. Quite fascinatingly, 2 Chron 20:22-23 says that the Lord (YHVH) Himself set ‘abashments’ against these nations so that they ended up killing each other instead of Judah! But, even before deliverance came, Jehoshaphat showed his faith in the prophesy (from a prophet) that the Lord would deliver them, because he commanded the Levite singers to praise the Lord ‘in the beauty of holiness even before the Lord deliver them!’

And while this term certainly does refer to the beauty of the Lord’s glorious sanctuary - because that is where YHVH dwelt, so His Holy Spirit **is** what ‘beautifies’ His Sanctuary – this verse also teaches us how we should worship Him – *in the beauty of holiness*. In other words, the Lord (YHVH) wants us to clean our ‘inward man’ **so we can worship Him in holiness**. As we’ve learned before, He won’t hear our prayers, nor accept our worship, when we willingly harbor sin inside our soul (Ps 66:18, Isa 59:2). So, He wants us to put off the ‘old man’ (our carnal mind, Rom 8:6-7), *which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts* (Eph 2:22) so we don’t serve sin any longer (Rom 6:6) and put on the ‘new man’ which *is created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24) and is renewed and strengthened that ‘new man’ each day by studying His Word (Eph 4:23, Col 3:10). When we do that, our Heavenly Father does consider our prayers and worship to be ‘beautiful’, because we’re coming to Him in ‘holiness’ of a good repentance, humility and being ‘willing’ to learn of Him *and* obey Him. This indeed is a ‘beautiful’ thing for Him to see in us.

So, here in this verse, David is again calling to the angels (in heaven) to ‘echo back’ to our Heavenly Father (YHVH) His due glory. But why does he do so? Why is David not ‘speaking’ here to flesh man? Because, they (like David) were ‘eye witnesses’ to the Lord’s ‘glory and strength’...

### *Psalm 29*

*3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.*

So, this verse says that the ‘voice’ (#6963, call aloud, voice or sound; it’s even been translated as ‘thunder’) of the Lord (Yehovah, #3068) is ‘upon’ (above, over, upon, or against, #5921) the ‘waters’ (which does mean water #4325) ... and so it certainly can refer to the physical waters of the earth, because He indeed has control of all of them. Case in point can be found in Noah’s flood (Gen 7), how He caused the ‘Red’ Sea to open up and allow Israel to go across on dry land (Ex 14), which He did again to the Jordan river when Israel crossed it to go into the Promise Land (Josh 4), as well as the time He caused water to flow out of a rock when the children of Israel were still in the wilderness (Ex 17).

But, just as He controls all the physical waters, so too does He control the spiritual waters, which are explained to be in Rev 17:15 to be *peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*. And this power is not only on earth, but also in heaven; for our Heavenly Father (and His Son, Jesus Christ) has power over *all* the earth and in heaven (Isa 42:5, 45:12,18; 1 Cor 8:5-6; Eph 1:10;

Phil 2:11; Mth 28:18; Lk 10:19; John 5:22,27, 17:2, etc.). So, while this verse certainly means that YHVH's voice is upon (over or above, #5921) the waters of the earth, so too is His voice upon (over) the waters in heaven, meaning even over (above) the angels in heaven. As such, we know He's even got an army in that heavenly dimension, thanks to the account in 1 Kings 6:17. Jesus also confirmed this in Matt 26:53, when He told Peter to put his sword up because it was not time to fight (yet). He then said to Peter: *Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?*

Now, let's look at this verse from the view point that Psalms 18 speaks of. For, in that chapter [which you can review here: [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks\\_Psalms/150](https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/150)], David explained something that he had *personally* seen, at times, when he was fighting against his enemies...

*22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.*

*23 And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.*

*24 And let it be, **when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.***

*25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.*

2 Sam 5:22-25

In this account we see that David asked the Lord (YHVH) if he should fight against the Philistines who had brought an army against Him. But the Lord told him not to do so, in the same way as other times. Instead, David was to hide his army by the 'mulberry trees' (wherever that was) and *wait until he heard the sound of His heavenly army flying over the tops of the trees*. And then David could take his army out to fight the Philistines. In other words, the Lord knew that the Philistines (who were famously fierce warriors) were too much for David's army and He therefore took His own 'heavenly' army (of righteous angels) to fight the Philistines *first*. All David and his men had were horses, and foot soldiers; but the Lord (YHVH) has flying vehicles to fight with. So He and His faithful 'angels' went *first* and 'softened up' the Philistine troops so that, by the time David and his army got there, many of them were already dead and the rest were totally paralyzed by fear from seeing the Lord and His mighty army kill off many of their fellow soldiers. So, the Philistines were 'easy pickings' by the time David's flesh army got to them, and David's army got the victory. This account is incredibly enlightening because it explains that David *literally* saw the Lord, and His mighty army, fight for Israel with their superior 'flying vehicles'. And they had weapons of war far superior. They used what looked like hot lightning bolts to kill of the enemy, which, of course, made it much easier for David and his troops to 'clean up' those who were left.

Because of his experiences of seeing the Lord (YHVH) and His might army of angels literally fight for Israel, David spoke of this throughout the Psalms. Psalms 18 was one of the places he did so, and this Psalm is another Scriptures he does so as well. For when David says that *the*

*voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters*, he is very speaking of seeing God's glorious army flying over the earth (the waters, i.e. the armies against David), which undoubtedly sounded like thunder as they moved swiftly in the air. Even today hearing man-made air planes is very loud, much like hearing thunder. But, back in David's day, they didn't have loud speakers, or anything else, to relate the noise that God's flying vehicles made to, *except for thunder*. And they also could not relate streaks of light that came out of them, which killed the enemy, to anything but *lighting*. We see this kind of 'primitive' explanation for God's mighty vehicles given in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Ezekiel [[https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks\\_Ezekiel/21](https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/21)]. When Ezekiel saw God's flying vehicle (along with several other vehicles that accompanied the Lord) he could not explain what he saw except for calling the light in the vehicles 'fire' and the logos on the vehicles as 'images' and the landing gear as the 'foot' of a calf, ect. Ezekiel, like David, did not know how else to explain what they were seeing *because they didn't have the technology we do today*. Yet, even today, when they are seen, our Pilates call them 'UFO's', which the government now calls 'UAP's (unexplained anomalous phenomena). You can learn more about the Lord's amazing 'flying vehicles' in the following studies...

**You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 1** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/392>  
**You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 2** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/393>  
**Flying Upon the Wings of the Wind** - [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks\\_Ezekiel/764](https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/764)

So again, when David says that *the voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters* he is truly explaining his experience of seeing the Lord's mighty vehicles which He (and His army of angels) fly in. That's why he calls on the angels to give the Lord (YHWH) glory and strength; they were 'eye witnesses' to these things, just as David was. And therefore, **David is explaining the powerful affect that His 'heavenly' army has upon the Lord's nature itself**. Indeed, His mighty voice (the sound of His flying vehicles) is 'upon' – which would be better translated as 'above' (#5921) - the waters (even the people) on the earth. And that is also why David explains the Lord's 'voice' to be as 'thunder', because His flying vehicles *sounded like thunder to him*, just as loud jets do indeed sound like thunder to us today. And this is important because, it shows us how powerful our Heavenly Father is. Thus, it also reveals to us how Jesus Christ will return. And (not surprisingly) Jesus Himself told us about this too...

*40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*

*41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

Matt 13:40-41

How do you think the 'good' angels will 'gather' out of His Kingdom (the world) all things that offend and which do iniquity? Yes indeed, they will do so by flying in their mighty vehicles that are *far more* powerful, *and* superior, to anything we've got on earth. They can out fly any of our

air planes, or jets... *so there will be no 'running' from them.* But, just as the sinners will be gathered when Jesus Christ returns, so too will He gather those who have been faithful...

*29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

*30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.***

*31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and **they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.***

Matt 24:29-31

Now Jesus explains (a little bit) of the power (and glory) of His return. And His power is in the fact that He has technology *far superior to ours*, for He has an eternal power source from within Himself (Rev 4:5). And in this account, Jesus says that His holy angels will gather His 'elect' (those who did not bow a knee to Satan, nor take the 'mark' of the beast) from the 'four winds', which means from *all over the earth*. So, no matter where you live, the Lord Jesus Christ will have His holy angels gather you when He returns. This is actually what 1 Thess 4 speaks of, *not* the rapture! [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/457>] And even the book of Jude speaks of this...

*14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,***

*15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

Jude 14-15

Jude quotes the book of Enoch to point out that he (Enoch) prophesied (years before) that the Lord, Jesus Christ would return to earth (at His Second Advent) to execute judgment upon all the wicked, by pouring out God's 'cup of wrath' upon them. How frightening indeed will it be for the wicked, and 'workers of iniquity', to be 'gathered' by Jesus' holy angels when they see these awesome vehicles flying towards them! And if they try to flee, the angels are able to shoot out 'arrows' of 'lighting' to stop them 'in their tracks'! And, in another parable Jesus gave us, He explained the 'elect' and the 'sinners' will be gathered *at the same time* by His holy angels...

*47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:*

*48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and **gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.***

*49 **So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.***

*50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

Matt 13:47-50

All people on earth will be ‘gathered’ by Jesus’ angels flying in those awesome vehicles. But they will be separated, just as a fisherman separates the good fish from the bad. The ‘bad’ people will be ‘cast away’ by putting them in prisons (as Isa 24:22 tells us) while the ‘good’ people will be rewarded with eternal life, *and* allowed to rule in Jesus’ eternal government for the Millennium. Then, all those who did not make the First Resurrection (Rev 20:4-6) will be taught the truth of God for a thousand years, *without any* Satanic interference (for Satan himself will be arrested and put in solitary confinement, Rev 20:1-3). You can learn more about Jesus Christ gathering both the good and the bad people when He returns in the following studies:

No Rapture - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/457>

1 Thess 4 - [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks\\_Titus\\_1\\_2Thess/17](https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Titus_1_2Thess/17)

2 Pt 3 - [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks\\_Peter/277](https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Peter/277)

And, for the sake of remembering, let’s look again at how David described the Lord’s (and His holy angles) flying angels when He fought for Israel in Psalms 18...

*6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.*

*7 **Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.***

*8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.*

*9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.*

*10 And **he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.***

*11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.*

*12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds **passed, hail stones and coals of fire.***

*13 **The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.***

*14 Yea, **he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.***

*15 **Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.***

*16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.*

*17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.*

*18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.*

*19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.*

Ps 18:6-19

What we've just read is what Davis was saying referring to here in Psalms 29:3 - *The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.*

Remember, the word 'upon' also means 'above' or 'over' (#5921) and would have been better rendered that way, truly. For indeed the Lord is above the waters when He flies in His awesome flying vehicle. And just like David described in Ps 18:13 above, the 'God of glory' really does thunder! Which is why David goes on to say...

#### *Psalms 29*

*4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*

The word 'voice' in this chapter is the Hebrew word *qowl* or *qol* (#6963), which means: *to call aloud; a voice or sound*. So, while the translators decided to call it the Lord's 'voice' it could have (and perhaps should have) been rendered as **the 'sound of the Lord' is powerful**. Indeed, the sound of His mighty 'flying' vehicles is powerful. So much so that David likens it to thunder in verse 3. And the point for David revealing God's power, might and glory in these beautiful Psalms, is to 'put the fear of God' into us. We *should* 'fear' the Lord (his punishments) because that's what causes us to *fear to do evil* (Prov 16:6). But, at the same time, we should also remember that we have nothing to be afraid of when we are faithfully serving Him. While He is a 'consuming fire' (Deut 4:24, 9:3, Heb 12:29), that fire won't harm us who love and serve Him faithfully. Instead, it 'warms' our heart and protects us. But it does 'hurt' those who are rebellious to Him. And again, that's the point to remember, for the Lord (YHWH) and His Son, Jesus Christ have power over all things, both in heaven and on earth.

So, no matter how it seems like the enemies of God (who persecute us for serving Jesus Christ) are 'getting ahead' they are truly 'digging their own grave' as God's Word tells us in so many places. And this lesson that God and Jesus Christ are more powerful than anything, or anyone, should 'stick with us' (in our heart and mind) always so we are ever diligent to strive to keep the 'new man' on, and keep the 'old man' under control so our emotions (lust, fear, pride, etc.) don't control us and cause us to rebel against the Lord. For all who rebel against Him will be 'taken down', as David so beautifully wrote in Ps 37:20: *the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.* And, as that same Psalm says in vs 34: *Wait (bind your souls to, #6960) on the LORD, and keep (guard and protect, #8104) his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.* When the Lord Jesus Christ returns to this earth, **you will see it**. As Jesus said in Matt 24:27: *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* And you will also see when the wicked are 'cut off' (Ps 37:34). As it is written...

*1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.*

*2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass**, having the harps of God.*

*3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

*4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*

*5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:*

*6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*

*7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials **full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.***

*8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and **no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.***

Rev 15

So, if you remain faithful to Jesus Christ, even during the time of the ‘great tribulation’ - when Satan (the antichrist) is kicked out of heaven, to earth (with his fallen angles) working to seduce all of the people into worshipping him (and his wicked ‘beast’ governing system) – then you will be gathered (*not* in a rapture, but when the angels gather you, **on earth**, to Jesus Christ at His return), so you can be safely kept with the Lord, Jesus - while the others are punished for their gross sins of worshipping Satan (who is THE unclean thing, 2 Cor 6:17, Rev 18:4). And **they will be punished**. Even those who try to hide in the rocks will be found and punished (Isa 2:17-22, Rev 6:14-17) with the ‘sword’ that comes out of the Lord’s mouth (Rev 2:16, 13:10, 10:15,21; Deut 32:40-43; 2 Thess 1:6-12, etc.). As Paul wrote...

*8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

*9 Wherefore **we labour, that**, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.*

*10 For we must **all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, **whether it be good or bad.***

2 Cor 5:8-10

Remember, ‘judgment’ is not always bad. It is very good to those who are faithful to Jesus Christ. For, while the wicked are punished at Jesus’ return, the ‘judgment’ for those who remain faithful to Him is wonderful: Eternal life and being allowed to rule with Jesus Christ *forever*. Again, this is the point to remembering God’s mighty power. Those who plot and do evil don’t think they’ll ever be punished for it (Ps 64:5). But, history proves this is not so. From the destruction of the first earth age (Gen 1:2, Jer 4, 2 Pt 3) to Noah’s flood (Gen 7) to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19), there have been many examples of what happens when the Lord’s anger is poured out. He is full of power and glory and *will* punish the wicked.

Peter also warns us of this in 2 Peter 2:1-9 where he uses past examples of God's righteous judgment upon the wicked. And that's why he says that *the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished* (2 Peter 2:9). We just have to make sure we're on the Lord's side and not on Satan's side! For, just as He shook the world at the destruction of the first earth age (after Satan had caused nearly 1/3 of God's children to rebel against the Lord), so too will He do so again, as Hag 2:6-7 warns. Let's conclude this study then with another solemn warning from our brother, Paul...

*25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:*

*26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. [Hag 2:6-7]*

*27 And this word, **Yet once more**, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*

*28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, **let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:***

*29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

Heb 12:25-29

We'll pick this up in part 2...

AMEN.