

God's Awesome Deeds

Introduction

- This Psalm of praise is motivated by God's deliverance of His people.
- The people of God experienced tests & trials of life, yet God has miraculously brought them through it all – He's been faithful.
- Therefore they are resolved to serve and praise the Lord.
- They invite others in the world to serve and praise the Lord.

I. Praise and Worship (v. 1-4)

A. Sing loud for the Lord (v. 1-2)

Expressions of joy, praise & thanksgiving should always be appropriate for the occasion. Example: eruption of fans at critical touchdown, goal/play. The person & work of Jesus Christ, the work of the HS & the glory of God is worthy of our most glorious praise – "shout" (Ph. 2:9-11; Ps. 8).

B. Sing truth to the Lord (v. 3-4)

*Our words & praise are directed to God Himself – singing of His awesome deeds & **omnipotence**. So the content of our singing and praise is extremely important. Believers must sing and praise in the truth and with the truth (Jn. 4:24).*

II. Remembering God's Deeds (v. 5-12)

A. Trials & tests (v. 10-12a)

*It is God Himself who allows & brings trials into the lives of believers – **you**...tested, brought, let men.... God is fully in control of everyone & everything involved in of our difficulties. Therefore we must trust Him even when circumstances seem unbearable & unreasonable (Pr. 3:5-6).*

B. Deliverance (v. 5-9, 12b)

*God knows how much we can endure. When His purposes have been accomplished, He works mighty miracles of deliverance – "he is awesome...", "turned the sea...", "rules by **might**", "kept our soul among the living", "we went through fire...". God matures us with & thru our trials. No one & nothing can prevent Almighty God from delivering His people – "he is awesome"!*

God alone has the power to bring us into, through & out of all our trials & troubles!

III. Responding to God's Deeds (v. 13-20)

A. Faithful service (v. 13-15)

*Believers are fully aware that God has saved us by grace; and He continues to keep & deliver us by grace. We are aware of our eternal indebtedness to Christ for salvation & to God for all of his deliverances. Therefore we keep our commitments to Christ as we obey Him out of love (Jn. 14:15). But we know that we cannot come to God or please Him with our service **without Christ** – "...with burnt offerings" (v. 13, 15; Jn. 15:5).*

B. Glorious testimonies (v. 16-20)

*"Come and hear" & "I will tell...". Because God has done for the believer what no one else could do, believers want others to know of God's personal goodness to them. We must testify that God hears & answers **prayer** (v. 17-20). "I cried" in prayer & God "listened" and "attended" to my prayer. The goodness and faithfulness of God must be told; our lips are to be used to tell the story & for His own glory (Heb. 13:15; Lk. 8:38-39; 19:36-40).*

APPL: Well brothers & sisters that is our calling today. To tell what great things God has done for us, not just Israel & believers in the first century. He has done great things & awesome deeds for us in the 21st century & for us here at TCC. God has been faithful in caring for us & we must be faithful in our praise to Him. God has been truthful in His dealings with us & we must be truthful in our dealings with Him!

CONCLUSION

In faith we have faced our trials together; we have endured sickness, financial problems, family problems, employment problems, isolation, rejection, etc.; challenges in finding a long-term building for worship services, challenges with real estate brokers, property owners, city officials, etc.... God has tried us & tested us. With His mighty power, He brought us into our trials, kept us during our trials, and when His purposes were accomplished He brought us out of our trials. So we can say with the Psalmist, "Come and hear, and I will tell you what God has done for my soul." He has kept our souls among the living, brought us through the fires and waters of life; He called a people together at TCC & He has kept us together against all odds; when there was hope against hope. God heard us when we cried to Him in prayer & He answered our prayers. He has worked mighty miracles for this little flock; He has done awesome deeds & marvelous things for this little congregation. And so we must tell it with our lips whenever we have opportunity; praise Him with you lips, hands, feet; let everything that has breath praise the Lord! He is an awesome, awesome, awesome God. Today we give God the glory & we celebrate our first anniversary together as a church.

If you are not a Christian, I bring you the good news that Jesus has given His life to save you from the penalty of your sins. Will you trust Him today for salvation; will you believe...?

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