

Psalm 104

The Greatness and Wisdom of our God

I. A “Poetic” *Proclamation* of the Greatness of God (104:1-4)

1. **Bless** the **LORD**, O my soul!
O LORD my **God**, You are **very great**;
You are *clothed* with **splendor** and **majesty**,
2. **Covering Yourself** with **light** as with a cloak,
Stretching out **heaven** like a **tent curtain**.
3. He lays the **beams** of His upper chambers in the **waters**;
He makes the **clouds His chariot**;
He **walks** upon the **wings of the wind**;
4. He makes the **winds His messengers**,
Flaming fire His ministers.

II. A *Proclamation* of the Power of God (104:5-9)

5. He **established** the **earth** upon its **foundations**,
So that it will **not totter** forever and ever.
6. **You covered it** with **the deep** as with a garment;
The **waters** were standing **above** the **mountains**.
7. At **Your rebuke** they fled,
At the sound of **Your thunder** they hurried away.
8. The **mountains** rose; the **valleys** sank down
To the **place** which **You established** for them.
9. **You** set a **boundary** that they may **not pass over**,
So that they will **not return** to **cover the earth**.

III. A *Proclamation* of the Provision and Wisdom of God (104:10-28)

10. He sends forth **springs** in the **valleys**;
They **flow between** the **mountains**;
11. They **give drink** to **every beast** of the field;
The wild donkeys **quench** their **thirst**.
12. Beside them the **birds** of the heavens **dwell**;
They lift up their **voices** among the branches.
13. **He waters** the **mountains** from **His upper chambers**;
The **earth** is **satisfied** with the fruit of **His works**.

14. **He causes** the **grass** to **grow** for the **cattle**,
vegetation for the **labor of man**, So that he may
bring forth **food** from **the earth**,
15. And **wine** which makes **man's heart glad**,
So that he may make his face **glisten** with **oil**,
And **food** which **sustains man's heart**.
16. The **trees** of **the LORD drink** their **fill**,
The cedars of Lebanon which **He planted**,
17. Where the **birds** build **their nests**,
And the **stork**, whose home is the **fir trees**.
18. The **high mountains** are for the **wild goats**;
The **cliffs** are a **refuge** for the **rock badgers**.
19. **He made** the **moon** for the **seasons**;
The **sun** knows the **place** of **its setting**.
20. **You appoint darkness** and it becomes **night**,
In which all the **beasts** of the forest **prowl about**.
21. The **young lions** roar after their **prey**
And **seek their food** from God.
22. When the **sun rises** they **withdraw**
And **lie down** in their **dens**.
23. **Man** goes forth to **his work**
And to **his labor** until evening.
24. **O LORD, how many** are **Your works!**
In wisdom You have **made them all**;
The **earth** is **full** of **Your possessions**.
25. There is **the sea, great** and **broad**,
In which are **swarms** without **number**,
Animals both **small** and **great**.
26. There the **ships** move along,
And **Leviathan**, which **You** have **formed** to **sport in it**.
27. They all **wait for You**
To **give them** their **food** in **due season**.
28. **You give** to **them** they **gather** it up;
You open Your Hand, they are **satisfied with good**.

IV. A **Proclamation** of the **Sovereignty** of God (104:29-30)

29. **You hide Your face**, they are **dismayed**;
You **take away their spirit**, they **expire**
And **return** to **their dust**.

30. **You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
And **You renew** the **face of the ground**.**

V. A ***Proclamation*** of **Gladness** and **Praise** (104:31-35)

31. Let the **glory of the LORD** endure **forever**;
Let **the LORD be glad** in **His works**;

32. **He looks** at the **earth**, and **it trembles**;
He touches the **mountains**, and they **smoke**.

33. I will **sing** to **the LORD** as long as I live;
I will **sing praise** to **my God** while I have my being.

34. Let **my meditation** be **pleasing to Him**;
As for **me**, I shall **be glad** in **the LORD**.

35. Let **sinners** be **consumed** from **the earth**
And let **the wicked** be **no more**

Bless the **LORD, O my soul**
Praise the **LORD!**

Personal Application

In and **evil** and **insane world**, we simply must take
time to **meditate** and “**breathe in**” →

→ The ***Greatness*** of our God (104:1a)

When I consider **Your heavens**, the **work** of **Your fingers**,
The **moon** and the **stars**, which **You** have **ordained**;
What is man that **You** take thought of him,
And the **son of man** that **You** care for him? (Psalm 8:3-4)

→ The ***Splendor*** and ***Majesty*** of God

You are ***clothed*** with **splendor** and **majesty**,...(104:1b)

→ The ***Beauty*** of God

One thing I have asked from the **LORD**, that I shall seek:
That I may **dwell** in the **house** of the **LORD** all the days of **my life**,
To behold the **beauty** of the **LORD**
And to ***meditate*** in **His temple**. (Psalm 27:4)

→ The ***Power*** of God

At **Your *rebuke*** they the **waters) *fled***,
At the sound of **Your thunder** they ***hurried away***.

The **mountains** rose; the **valleys** sank down
To the **place** which **You established** for them. (104:7-8)

→ The *Provision* of God

He causes the **grass** to **grow** for the **cattle**,
vegetation for the **labor of man**, So that he may
bring forth **food** from the **earth**,..(104:14)

→ The *Wisdom* of God

O LORD, how many are **Your works!**
In wisdom You have **made** them **all**;
The **earth** is **full** of **Your possessions**. (104:24)

→ The *Source* and *Sustainer* of Life (God)

They all (animals great and small) wait for You
To **give them** their **food** in **due season**...

You take away **their spirit**, **they expire** and **return** to their **dust**.
You send forth **Your Spirit**, they are **created**;
And **You renew** the **face of the ground**. (104:27, 29b-30)

→ The *Goodness* of God

I sought the **LORD**, and **He answered me**,
And **delivered me** from all my fears...

This poor man cried, and the **LORD heard him**
And **saved him** out of all his **troubles**.
The **angel of the LORD** encamps around those who **fear Him**,
And **rescues them**.

O taste and see that the **LORD is good**;
How **blessed** is the **man** who takes **refuge in Him!**
(Psalm 34:4, 6-8)

→ The *Deep Things* of God

“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS **NOT SEEN** AND EAR HAS **NOT HEARD**,
AND **which** HAVE **NOT ENTERED** THE HEART OF MAN,
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR **THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.**”

For **to us God revealed them** through the ***Spirit***;
for the ***Spirit* searches** all things,
even the **depths of God**. (I Corinthians 2:9-10)

→ The *Love* of God (John 3:16)

“For **God so loved the world**, that **He gave**
His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him**
shall **not perish**, but have **eternal life**”. (John 3:16)