

Glimpses of God in the Psalms

God Is Power

Lesson #1 Psalms 29, 104, 46, 78 & 139

*Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.
Psalm 147:5*

Section I. Read Psalm 29

1. a. List the attributes the “mighty ones” ascribe to God in verses 1 and 2.
 - b. What is the dictionary definition of “ascribe”?
 - c. Thought question: If the mighty ones are angels (Psalm 103:20), why would it be easy for them to ascribe strength to God?
2. Have you ever felt in awe of God’s strength/power as David did when watching a storm? Explain how the metaphor of a storm describes God’s power to you.
3. a. How is the voice of the Lord described in the following verses from Psalm 29?

Vs. 3 _____	Vs. 7 _____
Vs. 4a _____	Vs. 8 _____
Vs. 4b _____	Vs. 9 _____
Vs. 5 _____	
- b. What do these verses tell **you** about God’s “voice”?
4. a. Through His power, God provides what two things for His people?
 - b. How does God give you strength? (Use scripture.)
 - c. How does God give you peace? (Use scripture.)

Section II. Read Psalm 104

5. a. God’s power over creation is described in many ways in 104:5-19. Select a few of your favorites.
 - b. What does it mean to you to know you have a creator who can make something from nothing?

6. a. From 104:20-30, list the ways God continues to care for His creation.
- b. What should your response be to God's continued care? (Matt. 6:25-34)
- c. Thought question: Why is it so hard for us not to worry?

Section III. Read Psalm 46

7. a. According to 46:1-3, why are we not to fear?
 - b. How do we learn not to have fear in our lives? (Ps. 34:4; Isa. 41:10; I Jn. 4:16-18)
8. Compare and contrast nations that fear God and those that do not.
(Psalms 33:12-20, 68:12, 68:19-21)
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| <u>Nations That Fear God</u> | <u>Nations That Do Not Fear God</u> |
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9. a. True or False: A very powerful nation can thwart God's plans. Why or why not?
(Psalm 22:28; Isa. 14:27; Isa. 40:23-24)
 - b. Give your favorite example of an army fleeing from God and His people. (e.g. Gideon and the Midianites in Judges 7)
10. a. In Psalm 68:19-20, what does God do for His people?
- b. For which of these gifts are you the most thankful today? Explain.

Section IV. Read Psalm 78:1-31

11. a. What is the dictionary definition of "omnipotent"?
- b. List several ways God showed His power/omnipotence in 78:12-16.

12. a. Multiple choice: After all these acts of power, what was the people's response in verses 17-20 and 22?
(a) Belief (b) Sin (c) Rebellion (d) Trust (e) Blasphemy
- b. After Israel's response, what was God's response in verses 21-31?
- c. How has God shown you His power, and what has **your** response been?

Section V. Read Psalm 139

13. a. What is the dictionary definition of "omniscient"?
- b. List examples of God's all-knowing nature in 139:1-4.
14. a. What is the dictionary definition of "omnipresent"?
- b. List examples of how God is everywhere in 139:7-12.
15. What difference does it make in **your** daily life knowing that God is omniscient and omnipresent?
16. a. In 139:23-24, what does David seek that only God can do?
- b. What power does God have over our hearts today? (Acts 1:24; Heb. 4:12)
- c. To whom should this bring assurance, and to whom fear?
17. Read Psalm 102:25-28. Take a few moments to sit quietly and meditate upon what you have read about God's power. Write out your own psalm of praise/prayer to God extolling His power.
