

A pass through The Psalms: **Week 13: Psalm 29**

V1-2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name...

4 times in 2 verses David calls the heavenly hosts & world to ‘**ascribe to**’ the Lord and ‘**worship**’ the Lord.
The direct meaning is ‘to attribute to’ or ‘to regard as belonging to’

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We should define it as:

‘to attribute to the Lord the _____ belonging to him’

‘to regard the Lord in proportion to his _____’

More thoroughly:

To value and regard the Lord in our _____ & _____ as supremely valuable and worthy.

How much glory, honor and majesty is truly due the name of the Lord?

We must conclude (reality):

All glory, all honor, all majesty are belonging to the Lord, _____, supremely and infinitely!

We must confess (respond):

That we _____ fall utterly short of honoring & regarding the Lord as fully, supremely and infinitely valuable!

4 times David directs the universe and its inhabitants to ascribe certain qualities to God...

and to worship him for those traits. Glory (v1) Strength (v1) Glory (v2) Holiness (v2)

The rest of the Psalm goes on to show the universe and its inhabitants why they should ascribe these to God.

Glory: This **masculine** word means; **honorable, glorious,** _____

Strength: This **masculine** word means; _____, _____, **fortress**

Holiness: This **masculine** word means; **set apart,** _____, **perfection.**

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God wants our valuing, our praising & our worshipping to be _____.

God wants us to ascribe **(1) a certain** _____ to a **(2) a certain** _____, being.

God wants to be known and worshipped ‘**accurately**’ or ‘**accordingly**’ not ‘**vaguely**’ or ‘**vicariously**’.

According to David in Psalm 29, God wants to be worshipped as;

Yahweh, an all mighty, ever powerful, glorious and totally perfect, set apart and distinct, male, God.

The implications are that false/unacceptable worship either does not honor God for the **correct qualities (nature)** or does not honor the **correct God (name)** or is not done with the **correct affections (incentive)**.

V3-9 Eight times in 7 verses David calls attention to ‘the voice of the Lord’. David refers to the voice of the Lord as ‘over all’ ‘powerful’ ‘majestic’ and ‘a breaking force’. David is trying to get us to understand the raw power simply from God speaking. (the power in the word of God)

David harkens back to the pre-creation voice of the Lord, hovering over the waters...the voice that called everything into being, before the audience of the heavenly hosts. David illustrates how **creation responds** (and humanity should respond) to the voice of the Lord. It should ‘**tremble in awe**’ it should ‘**shake in reverent fear**’ it should ‘**respond in obedience**’.

David says that true worship is done in _____ **to the voice of the Lord.**

-His voice is the source of the _____ of **his nature** (glory, strength & holiness) **displayed in creation.**

-His voice is the source of the _____ of **his name** (Yahweh, Jehovah, Christ) **displayed in scripture.**

It is by the voice of the Lord that his nature & name are known and that humanity is able to respond (ascribe) accordingly.

V10 Reality: Because of the Lord’s nature, and name **he is truly infinitely, supremely & eternally valuable & above all, creator of all and ruler of all.**

V11 Responsibility: Because of the Lord’s nature, and name **he demands a response, namely to his revealing voice.**

If humanity **responds accurately** to the reality of God, and ‘ascribes to the Lord the glory due his name...’ they will receive **strength, blessing and peace** (v11).

If humanity **responds inaccurately** to the reality of God, and does not ‘ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name...’ they will be **broken (v5) one the run (v6) stripped bare (v9) and consumed by the flames (v7).**

Summary:

#1 God is the ultimate reality in the universe. The ultimate being. The ultimate beauty.

#2 It is not only mankind’s duty, but deepest longing and greatest joy to ascribe to Lord the glory, honor and praise due his name.

#3 God wants us to worship him according to his true nature and true name.

#4 The only way to know God’s true nature & name is to see what he has spoken into being in the world & his word.

#5 All who ascribe to God the glory due his name and have him as their highest value & joy will receive the life, blessing, joy & peace that comes from being with him.

#6 All who fail to ascribe to him their highest value & joy will ultimately receive pain, punishment and separation from him.