

Fathered by God Part 11: “On the Mountain” (11-24-2019)

Review: "Conversations with Our Father" - Last 2 Weeks: In the Valley (protection & correction)

Today: On the Mountain

Psalm 30:1-12 (ESV)

(1) A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. (2) O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. (3) O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. (4) Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. (5) For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. (6) As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." (7) By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. (8) To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: (9) "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? (10) Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!" (11) You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, (12) that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

1) Remember where you came from (verses 1-3)

Psalm 30:1

A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple. . .

Possible context for this Psalm:

- Gratitude over the establishment of David’s House as King (temple could also be translated “house”)
- Gratitude at the dedication of the future location of the temple and placement of the tabernacle
- A Psalm written in advance of something David never saw in his lifetime - the building of the Temple

Psalm 30:1b-3

. . . (1b) I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. (2) O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. (3) O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Note: 3 ways he has experienced God’s help and intervention in his life . . .

- Rescue from enemies (vs 1)
- Personal healing from hardship (vs 2)

- Salvation of his soul from sin and death (vs 3)

2) Express Praise and Thanks (verse 4)

Psalm 30:4

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Note: David moves from personal reflection to corporate worship!

- Godly remembrance leads to: Praise, Worship, and Thanks!
- Part of how we remember is to share our experiences with others
- Part of how we remember is to worship with others (in our victory or theirs!)

3) The Big Picture - Reflect on His Judgement & Grace (verse 5)

Psalm 30:5

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Note: When I remember and worship, then this moment becomes part of a larger story . . .

- David Reflects on Redemption (God's judgement is short & temporary, His Grace is for the long-haul)
- Therefore he has hope for the future because he knows seasons of weeping will be followed by joy!

4) Beware - Prosperity leads to Pride (verses 6-7)

Psalm 30:6-7

(6) As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." (7) By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

Note: I need to be willing to Grapple with my Pride< because it creeps in so easily when things are going well.

- Remember it's really the Lord who made me stand upon the mountain
- The real problem isn't whether I can keep this mountain or not: (I can't!)
 - I need to realize that I didn't gain this mountain on my own

- And therefore, I can't keep it on my own
- The real problem is the loss of the **manifest presence** of God in my life!
 - Pride & Complacency are the sure source of that loss!

5) Correct Complacency by Crying out for mercy (8-10)

Psalms 30:8-10

(8) To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: (9) "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? (10) Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

Note: This is no longer a reflection on the past mercies of God, but a specific and current plea for mercy!

- Some of my greatest moments of need, where actually on the mountain top!
- And thank God that when I need rescued from my pride & complacency, that God is my helper in those circumstances too!

6) Go Forward in Gratitude - it's an eternal posture of life (11-12)

Psalms 30:11-12

(11) You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, (12) that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Note: This is a moment of mourning turned to joy - so David can't be silent, but he must sing praise!

- We are back where we started the Psalm and the cycle continues for a lifetime . . .
- Now an eternal perspective of gratitude is the enduring posture!

Closing: Peter reflecting on his experience at the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36)

2 Peter 1:16-21 (ESV)

(16) For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (17) For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," (18) we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. (19) And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, (20) knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. (21) For no prophecy was ever produced by the

will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Note: Peter is saying that the stories of what God has said and done in our lives (and the lives of others) are not made up or secondary things. These stories are of utmost and eternal importance in life.

- They are the **Divine Expression of God's Glory** on display in our lives!
- These moments should encourage us to hold onto what He has said (prophetic word), and should serve as a light to us when things are dark, until the dawn fully comes!