

Psalms 104-105 – 3 August 2025

“Made With Promise, Molded To Secure Them”

Introduction

- *This is 5th of 6 messages in the 4th Book of Psalms
- *Psalms - the Israeli Hymnbook or Book of Praises
- *Today Psm 104 speaks of God’s detailed care in crafting our universe & environment just for us
- *Then Psm 105 follows it with an explanation of how difficulties bring greater blessings than we would have experienced otherwise
- *In all of this, God shows that He’s focused on caring for us & producing great things thru us**

#1 – We’ve been intricately created with an abundant environment (Psm 104)

Read Psm 104:1-2

1. Read Rom 1:20 & Psm 19:1
 - a. We learn of God thru studying His creation

- b. If His creation is this detailed & immense, how much greater is the God who made it
- 2. *Stretching out* is a Hb. qal participle – simply meaning that this is present & ongoing action
 - a. We’ve found this to be true since the 1920s
 - b. Science of Redshift & Hubble’s law shows the universe is still expanding to this day

Read Vs 3-4

- 1. The big point is that God’s creation & even His angels, were created to serve & glorify Him
 - a. Even Heb 1:7 draws this point out that the angels were created to serve God
- 2. Creation is God’s home, & place of activity
 - a. He didn’t just spin this universe up & then leave it alone – He’s present & active

Read Vs 5-9

- 1. No doubt the reference of the earth covered in water speaks of both creation & Noah’s flood
 - a. But the larger point is that earth was made to endure – it cannot be shaken or removed
- 2. Even the wind & waves obey God’s authority

Read Vs 10-13

1. Notice God's active role in satisfying the needs of His creation
2. God created w/ sustainment in mind – He cares

Read Vs 14-18

1. The Lord created an intricately interwoven system that provides for the other parts
 - a. Water provides for the ground, the ground for vegetation, vegetation provides for man
 - b. Trees & mountains provide for the birds
2. Nothing goes without its needs met
3. A note about drinking alcohol
 - a. 3 verses about the benefit of wine do not speak against the prohibitions of drunkenness
 - i. Eph 5:18, Prov 20:1, Gal 5:19, I Cor 6:10
 - b. They also don't speak against the verses that tell us to avoid the appearance of evil

Read Vs 19-23

1. Even the heavens are servants to the earth
 - a. Read Gen 1:14 – By them we track time

2. *He made the moon for the seasons*

- a. *Seasons* aren't the 4 seasons we think of, it means appointed times or holidays
- b. 4 seasons are caused by the 23.5-degree tilt
- c. But we track our calendar months, dating & holidays by the moon, not just the sun's year

Read Vs 24-26

- 1. Leviathan that giant sea serpent, seems to be extinct today
- 2. The vast complexity & variety of creation
- 3. If you're looking for uncharted waters to explore, I would recommend...the waters
 - a. Only 20-25% of the seafloor has been mapped
 - b. Even less is known about the area between the surface and the seafloor
 - c. Don't think that we have God figured out... we barely have creation figured out

Read Vs 27-30

- 1. The dependence of all creation on God's provision – for life and food

2. Notice each part is God's action & our reaction
 - a. Even for food, God gives but we must gather

Read Vs 31-35

1. Some Psalms deal w/ man's effects on the earth, but then some Psalms, like this one, deal w/ the earth in its raw form apart from man's effects
2. Even in the earth's corrupted form, we still see the immensity of God thru this massive creation
3. Man should be forewarned by it; God is awesome & not to be trifled with

#2 – We're allowed difficult experiences to produce greater results (Psm 105)

Read Psm 105:1-3

1. This is impossible unless we're proud of Him
 - a. Do we hide the things we're proud of?
2. Are we a part of the activities listed here or do we think of our faith as just one-directional intake?

Read Vs 4-7

1. These 1st 7 verses are as the sound of a herald proclaiming to others the goodness of God
 - a. Are we His heralds today?
 - b. Are we telling people that they can call upon the Lord and be saved? (ie Psm 18:3)

Read Vs 8-12

1. Our God is committed to us
 - a. It's based in His infinite foreknowledge
 - b. It stays as a commitment forever
2. We serve a God that calls things that are not, as if there were (b/c they will be)
 - a. Even when Israel was no nation, He agreed to give them the land that they're in
 - b. Other than times of specific judgement or purpose, they've always possessed their land

Read Vs 13-15

1. *While waiting for the promise of receiving their own land, God protected them*

- a. He would not destruction of their lineage
 - i. Abe & Sarah w/ Pharoah (Gen 12)
 - b. He would not allow their number to be wiped out in the time of Jacob (Read Gen 35:5)
2. Now this phrase *touch not my anointed ones*
- a. Modern false teachers would say, ‘every believer should walk in divine protection’ (Samuel Arimoro ‘Touch Not My Anointed!’ – Feb 20, 2025)
 - b. Yet this is specifically about someone God gave a specific promise to that would be protected until fulfillment
 - c. Read Gen 20:1-6 – God told Abimelech to *touch not my anointed*
 - d. Bottom line: It’s not a mandate for us to do whatever we want & walk in divine protection
 - i. It’s a mandate God placed on Himself to keep His promises & protections toward us

Read Vs 16-22

- 1. Joseph was move with purpose and against his will to Egypt to fulfill a greater purpose

- a. Read Gen 50:20 – In the face of human pressures, God orchestrated just what’s needed
2. We serve a God that moves pieces ahead of time, in order to perform His plan at the right time

Read Vs 23-24

1. *While waiting for the promise of receiving their own land, God made them grow in numbers*
2. All the waiting for God’s promises to be fulfilled, was for His glory and their benefit

Read Vs 25-36

1. Read II Cor 4:17 - These things are difficult for a time, but they’re working greater things
2. To understand why God would plague Egypt w/ all these, we must understand that they each speak against a false god in Egypt

Read Vs 37-38

1. *While waiting for the promise of receiving their own land, God made them fruitful & prosper*
2. The difficulties working out great things that they could not have received otherwise

Read Vs 39-41

1. This one is different in the sense that God didn't put them thru this trial, their unbelief is the reason that wandered for 40 years
2. Yet God STILL provided while they waited

Read Vs 42-45

1. All this so Israel might inherit the land in order to serve God in truth, justice & the Israeli way
2. Of course this will lead them to the 3rd promise given to Abraham, that of the Messiah to come & actually keeping the Law thru belief in Jesus

Conclusion

So we've been made w/ promise & we're being molded to secure them all

1. **God intricately created an abundant environment for us to prosper in**
2. **Then thru all the ups & downs, He's working great things for His glory & our good**