

## Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

### Worship the God of the Storm – Psalm 29

#### Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of Hurricane Katrina
2. The Call to Worship (vs. 1-2)
3. The Reasons for Worship (vs. 9-11)
4. Conclusion – worship the God of the storm who gives strength and peace

#### Scripture Passages Referenced

- Exodus 3 – Moses and the burning bush
- Psalm 96:1-3 - Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- Genesis 6-9 – the flood
- Ezekiel 31:3 - Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon.
- Mark 4:38 - Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?
- Mark 4:39 - And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
- Psalm 24:2 - for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- Colossians 2:13-14 - And you...God made alive together with him...by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.
- John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

#### Discussion Questions

- What is your initial reaction to the power of storms?
- How does the thought of God being in charge of storms strike you?
- What does it mean to ascribe glory and strength to the Lord?
- Why is it important for us to remember that our minds are a critical part of worship?
- How does the fact that the word 'worship' means to submit one's will to God impact your approach to worship both at church and in everyday life?
- What are some practical things you can do to grow in your worship of the Lord?
- How does David's image of a powerful storm help you see the glory of God?
- In what ways does this passage teach that God alone is worthy of our worship?
- How can you use the truth of God's power over storms to comfort yourself or others in literal storms?
- How can you find comfort that God sits enthroned over the flood?
- Why is it that the storm in this passage can symbolize other storms of life?
- How does the fact that Jesus endured the greatest storm, the cross, give us hope?
- In what ways does Psalm 29 connect to Mark 4:35-41?
- What impact does God giving strength and peace give you in your day to day life?
- How does this passage grow your view of God?
- How does this passage show you your need for Jesus?
- What is one practical thing you can do differently in light of this passage and sermon?