

Numbers 10:33-36

33 So they set out from the mount of the Lord three days' journey. And the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. 34 And the cloud of the Lord was over them by day, whenever they set out from the camp. 35 And whenever the ark set out, Moses said, "Arise, O Lord, and let your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate you flee before you." 36 And when it rested, he said, "Return, O Lord, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:6-11

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

1 God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! 2 As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

3 But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

5 Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. 6 God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. 7 O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah* 8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. 9 Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; 10 your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

11 The Lord gives the word; the women who announce the news are a great host: 12 "The kings of the armies—they flee, they flee!" The women at home divide the spoil—13 though you men lie among the sheepfolds—the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with shimmering gold. 14 When the Almighty scatters kings there, let snow fall on Zalmon.

15 O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan! 16 Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the Lord will dwell forever?

17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. 18 You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there. 19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. *Selah* 20 Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

21 But God will strike the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways.

22 The Lord said, "I will bring them back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, 23 that you may strike your feet in their blood, that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe."

24 Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary— 25 the singers in front, the musicians last, between them virgins playing tambourines: 26 "Bless God in the great congregation, the Lord, O you who are of Israel's fountain!" 27 There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in their throng, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali. 28 Summon your power, O God, the power, O God, by which you have worked for us. 29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem kings shall bear gifts to you.

30 Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples. Trample underfoot those who lust after tribute; scatter the peoples who delight in war. 31 Nobles shall come from Egypt; Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.

32 O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah 33 to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. 35 Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Intro: Victory Parades/Processions/Entries. Singing. Oral tradition. Songs telling history. Story telling. This is one. Faith.

Thesis: "The Wicked will perish and the Righteous will rejoice because of the Powerful Salvation of the LORD"

I. The Wicked will Perish

- A. God shall arise. **Numbers 10:33-36.**
- B. He will judge his enemies. He will punish.
- C. Wicked. Enemies. Hate God. Walk in guilty ways.
- D. Scatter. Flee. Drive away. Smoke/Vanish. Melt like wax. Perish. Fall/Hidden. Blood. Corpses. Strike their heads. Trample underfoot. Rebuke.
- E. God's justice against the wicked will leave no question as to his justice and wrath towards sin.

ILLUSTRATION: Melted Candles. Can't take heat. Those bold in their rebellion will melt. He can either cause you to melt now in humble repentance or melt later in horrible realization of his glory.

II. The Righteous will Rejoice

- A. Glad. Exult. Jubilant with joy. Sin. Praises.
- B. Who? Righteous. Widows. Orphans. Homeless. Prisoners. Kingdoms and kings. Africans/Gentiles.
- C. To Who? God. **LORD.** On the Throne/King. Father. Protector. Settler. Name. Forever. **2 Cor. 12:9-10**

ILLUSTRATION: Helen Berhane. Eritrea. E.Africa. 32Mos. Shipping Container. Hot/Cold. Bugs/Sores/Maggots. Tortured. Buckets. 10Mos mental ill. Sing. Love. Peace. Joy. Thanks. Stronger. Beat me into Him (nail). Bless them. Stronger. Thanks. Praise to Jesus. For suffering/dying for me. Forgive. They don't know. Pray. Preached. Sing. Scripture.

III. God's Powerful Salvation

- A. Father of Fatherless. Protector of widows. Settler of homeless. Leader of prisoners.
- B. Righteous judge of rebellious. Giver of rain. God of Sinai. Earthquaker. Headbreaker. Blood spiller. Mountain maker, owner & mover. King of armies. Chariot rider. Commanders of a thousand thousands. Victorious King of procession. Fountain of Life. God of Israel/Covenant Deliverer.
- C. Power/Might. Voice/Word. Worker. Strength. Bless. Awesome
- D. **Hebrews 2:12 (v.26). Ekklesia.** The Church blesses.

ILLUSTRATION: Women dividing up the spoils. v.12 We get to share in His victory. And in what He has won for us.

CONCLUSION:

- 1) God's enemies will suffer forever, unless they turn to Him in repentance for forgiveness. **John 3:16. Rom. 5:6-11.**
- 2) God's people are counted righteous through faith in Christ and will rejoice forever with Him.
- 3) God will be praised forever because of His great power and might shown in the salvation of His people.

Sometimes we have a hard time reconciling God's judgment & mercy. His display of great might & power and His gentle & tender love, grace & forgiveness. But we see all of this on full display in Jesus. He is the Gracious Savior & Returning Triumphant, Victorious King. Lion & Lamb. When He died on Cross for sins we saw the fullest demonstration of every attribute of God completely on display at one exact moment.
Glory of God in Christ.