



**Kingdom Praise  
God's Awesome Deeds How He Answers Prayer  
Psalm 66**

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Psalm 66:title–20

“For the music director. A Song. A Psalm. Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious. **Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will pretend to obey You. All the earth will worship You, And will sing praises to You; They will sing praises to Your name.”** Selah Come and see the works of God, Who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of mankind. He turned the sea into dry land; They passed through



the river on foot; Let's rejoice there, in Him! **He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; The rebellious shall not exalt themselves! Selah Bless our God, you peoples, And sound His praise abroad, Who keeps us in life, And does not allow our feet to slip. For You have put us to the test, God; You have refined us as silver is refined. You brought us into the net; You laid an oppressive burden upon us. You made men ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water. Yet You brought us out into a place of abundance.** I shall come into Your house with burnt offerings; I shall pay You my vows, Which my lips uttered And my mouth spoke when I was in distress. I shall offer to You burnt offerings of fat animals, With the smoke of rams; I shall make an offering of bulls with male goats. Selah **Come and hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul. I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was exalted with my tongue. If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear; But God has heard; He has given attention to the sound of my prayer. Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer Nor His favor from me.**" (NASB 2020)

This is the second song written by David in this series for the remnant. Again, he is not only a King and song writer, but also a prophet and operating in that role here. Here, he starts the song off with a threefold call to praise God.

As worship music goes these days, many of them beat around the bush and you have no idea what the song is about and, in some cases, you never really do understand it is worship music. God invites us to worship Him and He does not limit us to song only. His requirements are rather simple.

John 4:23

**"But a time is coming, and even now has arrived, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."** (NASB 2020)

To worship Him, we do not have to run off to a church, the temple, or anywhere really. We are privileged to worship Him from anywhere.

We can worship Him from whatever location we are in and from whatever position we find ourselves in physically.

Worship is obviously something we can and are commanded to do, in prayer as well. Worship also involves the preaching and teaching of the word, the reading of the word, being obedient to what He has commanded us such as in Communion and doing life His way, it can be in giving to Him what He has given us materially. We are also encouraged to worship Him, thanks to David, in music and song. And, in some cases, per David, really loud music (Psalm 150).

What we find in the pages of the scriptures is that worship is an honor and yes, it is also commanded all throughout the pages of scripture. In the Torah, David would be very aware of this.

Deuteronomy 6:13–15

**"You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.** You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, for the LORD your God who is in the midst of you is a jealous God; so follow Him, or else the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth."

 (NASB 2020)

Old Testament Israel certainly incorporated singing and the use of musical instruments into the worship that occurred in the temple (1 Chr 15:16–22). An entire detachment of Levites was devoted to the music of worship (1 Chr 9:33). Indeed, the Hebrew writers enjoined the use of music in worship upon all humanity (Ps 66:4; 67:3–4; 150:6). (Bauder 2012, 12)



As we come to the Lord to worship, the attitude of our heart is incredibly important. To worship in Spirit and in truth means engagement.

As we come to worship, it is not just a list of things to tick off for today, it is intended to involve our spirit communing with the Holy Spirit and moving upward from there. Our attitude is incredibly important and it really is, all about Him.

The continuing issue of performance oriented worship bands bothers me, a lot. There are also those bands that have written their own music to lead “warship” and the problem is doctrine. Much of what we call worship music today is doctrinal garbage. Much of it comes from a movement referred to as the New Apostolic Reformation, but not all.

Turn on any Christian radio station or open a popular playlist, and you will almost surely hear songs by Bethel Music, Jesus Culture, Hillsong Music, Forerunner Music, or Gateway Worship. These wildly popular music labels all hail from large and influential churches that are either overtly NAR or exhibit significant NAR influence. In addition, other music labels created by non-NAR churches, such as Elevation Worship, also show signs of NAR influence. These groups’ music is among the most used in worship services throughout the world, but especially in America and Australia. (Pivec and Geivett 2022, 139)

Why the concern? Remember, Satan was in charge of music in his prior job. He still knows how to utilize that medium to lie to the church and that is exactly what he is doing in and through some of the worship music of today. I love worship music that brings us into the throne room where we can worship the King. But I have a rather strong disdain for those that repeat an obscure phrase multiple times and then says, that’s worship?

For example, the false doctrine of making a prayer declaration in the world of prosperity gospel through the use of specific buzz words tied to that teaching. For example, the song “Be Lifted High.”

Other than the fact that “Be lifted high” repeats 40+ times in the song embedded in the song is this phrase “You’re the reason why we’re living for Your glory, We will be the generation Calling down the reign of Heaven.” (Williams, et al. 2011)

Most do not even hear or see that phrase since by the time it shows up, the music has already begun to work. Yes, discernment is needed even in the music we listen to. When the Lord brings in the folks He has for us to do worship, there is indeed going to be certain labels and songs we will not be singing. How insidious is this? Back to calling down.

The choice of the words “calling down” is not coincidental. They are buzzwords—or words used by NAR insiders—to allude to another specific NAR teaching. That is the teaching that God has given believers the authority to miraculously bring things into existence (that is, “call [them] down”). They do this through their spoken words or “prayer declarations.” Once you recognize these NAR teachings about bringing God’s kingdom to earth through prayer declarations, you will start noticing them in more songs. (Pivec and Geivett 2022, 143)

As Jesus stated in John 4:23, we are to be worshipping in spirit and in truth. That means we are fully transparent to our Lord and worshipping Him without throwing on a mask like some do in life. But it is also important for us to be singing of, speaking, praying or reading truth and not the false teaching of the Laodicean church being used to blind millions today.

David Platt talks about the topic of worship and what is taking place around the throne at this future date David is discussing.



“Why do we go out and sacrifice our lives and sacrifice this church to making disciples of all nations? We do that because we are fueled by the glory of God. We are so captivated by His wonder and His greatness that we are compelled to go and make disciples of all nations. It fuels us. But it is also the goal. There is going to be a day in the future where we won’t be making disciples any more. On that day we will just be worshipping. The whole goal of us giving ourselves to making disciples of all nations is looking forward to the day where people from everywhere and every tribe and every people in every language in every nation will bow around the throne and enjoy His worship forever. That is the goal.” (Platt 2007, 645)

Worship is to focus on the person and character of God. Here in Psalm 66, we see David leading us in worship, he knows that worship deepens our faith in the Lord and gives us joy and strength even amid those things which the remnant has been through. Those are now fading memories in the light of His glory.

Psalm 66:1–2

“Shout joyfully to God, **all the earth**; Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious.” (NASB 2020)

David is leading the worship service around the throne, and his call is to all the earth. Christ has returned and is on the throne, the Father is in the Temple, the Beast as well as all of those who served the Beast, are now all gone. All that is left on the planet are Tribulation saints, the remnant, the resurrected and glorified church, all of the resurrected old testament saints as well as those saints who had been martyred during the Tribulation, also now resurrected. And let’s not forget the faithful members of the heavenly host as well.

We will all be here together, before the throne, on the earth thus the first call, “Shout joyfully to God all the earth.” Thus, the first call is to all the earth. When that call is made, everyone on the planet will engage in worship, we all are here in the service of the King.

What is all the earth to be doing, shouting, singing and making His praise glorious. This is not a quiet time of meditation and worship; this is loud emotionally charged worship and praise.

Everything that has been promised in God’s word is now, no longer already but not yet, but now is the time and it is all happening in real time and we are there.

David is calling for all of us to do three things, shout joyfully, sing the glory of His name, and make it glorious. Yes, I know, that is not always easy to do on Sunday morning at 9am. I get it. But who is this for? The Lord.

We must remember that worship is for the King. Yes, there are massive bonuses in store for us as we worship and praise Him.

Psalm 22:3

“But thou art holy, **O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.**” (KJV 1900)

God inhabits the praise of His people (Psalm 22:3, KJV). We sense His presence when we worship Him, for He manifests Himself when we praise Him. There is nothing in all of the world that will help us to understand and sense and feel the presence of God more than when we worship and praise Him. (Jeremiah 1997, 172-173)

And in our here and now, as we worship Him and praise Him, whether in song, prayer, the word or whatever. He inhabits that praise and is right there with us.



Psalm 66:3–4

“Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will pretend to obey You. All the earth will worship You, And will sing praises to You; They will sing praises to Your name.” Selah” (NASB 2020)

All those around the throne, the entirety of those who are here on earth, praise Him for His awesome works. At the point this is happening, in just the prior few weeks, the planet has moved from the utter ruin of the Beast, the Great Tribulation and the attempted genocide of Armageddon, to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The change is not just significant, it is awesome, just as David says. No longer are any of the armies of the Beast left anywhere on the planet. No longer are any of the various images of the Beast still standing to include the one that was there in the Temple. The change has been so sudden and so dramatic that awesome seems to be a limiting word.

One of the challenges we will see in the Kingdom of God will be the feigned obedience of the nations. Not all of them, as time goes by, will fully enjoy the rule and reign of King Jesus. There is a reason why John tells us in Revelation 19:15 that “He will rule them with a rod of iron.”

Dr. McClain provides a little clarity over why this statement is here. “In fact, the shepherdly rule of God is always both severe and tender: lovingkindness toward all who yield to His perfect Will, but chastisement for those who stray from the path of righteousness, and destruction for those who are incorrigibly rebellious. And in the coming Mediatorial Kingdom of Christ this rule will be direct and immediate, no longer veiled in obscurity nor subject to the time-lag which so often now characterizes the working of the divine providential control. In that future Kingdom of Messiah there will be a perfect balance between tenderness and severity. As seen by Isaiah, He will rule with a “strong hand,” but He also shall “gather the lambs ... and carry them in his bosom” (40:10–11).” (McClain 1974, 498)

It is because of that, that there will be those who will feign obedience. We see that even today. Feigned obedience to the Lord has been around since Cain feigned care for the brother he had just murdered. God knows, He always does.

As we approach the end of the Kingdom of Christ, Satan is released for a short time, and the nations are once again deceived. This feigning of obedience would indeed be part of that but the only audience who would be deceived is the human one still in human bodies and not serving the Lord. We forget that there will still be a need even in the Kingdom for people to come to Christ. But one thousand years post Armageddon, how many are there who have not?

But what we see here immediately after Armageddon is a very different picture from the one David alludes to, all the earth is there to worship the King and at that point in time, that would be expected.

In the first four verses, as the remnant gathers before the throne, as the rest of the nations does so as well to include the rest of us, the call is all related to worship.

Shout, sing, worship, worship, sing and then sing. The whole earth is now engaged, and you can almost hear the volume increasing and increasing and then, selah.

We pause and meditate over the wonder of it all.

Psalm 66:5–7

“**Come and see the works of God, Who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of mankind.** He turned the sea into dry land; They passed through the river on foot; Let’s rejoice there, in Him! He rules by



His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; The rebellious shall not exalt themselves! Selah” (NASB 2020)

For those of us gathered around the throne, we really do not need reasons why to worship the one who has saved us to be with Him and serve Him for all eternity. But David will indeed provide some reasons why we worship, why we sing and give the glory to God. He uses evidence, “come and see the works of God.”

So, we are invited to look at awesome deed number one; the crossing of the Red Sea on dry land by the nation as they left Egypt. This is a call to remember what it is the Lord has done for His people in the past. Knowing how God has dealt with His people is a reason for the nations to praise knowing that this same God is overseeing them as well.

Even here, it is not a blind leap of faith, but come and see the evidence in history of what God has done.

Exodus 14:30–15:2

“Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and **Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.** Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.” (ESV)

By His strong arm He had delivered them from slavery. He rules by His might, and will do for ever. His eyes observe the nations and rebellion and pride and arrogance are futile. (Flanigan 2001, 281)

What did Jesus tell two of John the Baptists disciples when they heard from John that He was the Lamb of God. They wanted to know more and when they asked where Jesus was staying, He told them to “come and see” (John 1:39) and the invitation was much more than an invite for dinner. They wanted to know more, and He said “come and see.”

David is doing, “come and see,” Jesus did the same. Our faith is based on evidence.

That was not a one-time “come and see” awesome things either. Another awesome deed took place when the Lord stopped the Jordan River while in flood stage and the nation crossed on dry land into the land promised to them by the Lord.

Biblical faith rests on what God has done in history, so our first witness is to call men and women to consider what God has done in saving his people. (Phillips 2019, 251)

Joshua 3:14–17

“So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), **the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.**” (ESV)



Why these two events. They are massive and physical manifestations of the glory of God. The Red Sea crossing impacted folks in the region of decades. But these two events also point to the awesome things that God does in the life of followers of Jesus Christ as well.

When we come to Christ, we too are escaping the slavery of the world as He provides us a path to a new life. The crossing of the Red Sea is a picture of that. Dr. Walvoord expands for us.

“The entire picture of Israel being delivered out of Egypt and brought through the wilderness experiences into the promised land is a major field of typology and one which illustrates the work of Christ in salvation. The major elements of the deliverance, the plagues, the institution of the Passover, and the salvation of Israel at the Red Sea all speak of Christ. The plagues represent the judgment upon the wicked world and in type speak of the future deliverance of Israel in the great tribulation. The Passover is an eloquent type of the death of Christ as the believer’s only place of safety from the judgment and death which overtake the world. At the Red Sea Israel is delivered through the same waters which destroyed the Egyptians, a type of the death of Christ in its power to deliver from the world. The wilderness experiences with the manna from heaven (Exodus 16:4), speak of Christ as the bread of life, while the water out of the rock (Exodus 17:6), speaks of Christ smitten that we might have life, and many of the other incidents speak of the work of Christ for His own.” (Walvoord 2008, 70)

Then there is the crossing of the Jordan River. A saved people, entering into a new life and the needed empowerment to do life.

1 Corinthians 10:1–5

“For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.” (ESV)

For us as followers of Jesus, we also see our entry into our new life in Christ in the crossing of the Red Sea. We enter the water in obedience and then cross over into new life with our Lord.

For Israel, as they crossed, it was the generation of those who were children when they left Egypt, or born in the wilderness, who are now crossing over into the promise. Saved, yes, empowered, that is coming. Why did such an amazing initiation miracle in Israel’s national identity need to be repeated? It was an encouraging sign of God’s enabling power offering them tangible confirmation and validation of God’s continuing presence. Even so today those who have read and heard of God’s mighty acts in previous generations still need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit for themselves.

In a word, each generation of God’s people and every individual believer need God’s power to do God’s work in their day and time (Richie 2020, 196).

At both locations, the nation worshipped and praised the Lord. After crossing the Jordan, all those who had not been circumcised were, and the people also celebrated Passover there in the land for the very first time.

And now, as His people gather before the throne to praise and worship, those two events are recalled and we will indeed rejoice in Him there.

Psalms 66:7

“He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; The rebellious shall not exalt themselves! Selah” (NASB 2020)



The realization of all there after Armageddon, surrounding the throne is this, God has been and never will not be on the throne. He has always ruled and He always will and He will do so in perfect righteousness. This means as we move forward in the Kingdom, yes, the nations will indeed be watched. All those who are subjects of the King know that His loving care is always on them, those still in human bodies, who still have a sin nature at this point, them too.

There will be those who will rise during the Kingdom in the surrounding nations and since for those still in human bodies, pride will still be an issue. Some will indeed need to have that pride dealt with by the Lord. Zechariah describes what that reality in the Kingdom looks like.

Zechariah 14:16–19

“Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. **And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.** This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.” (ESV)

Charles Spurgeon puts it this way. Where rebellion reaches to a great head, and hopes most confidently for success, it is a sufficient reason for abating our fears, that the Omnipotent ruler is also an Omniscient observer. O proud rebels, remember that the Lord aims his arrows at the high-soaring eagles, and brings them down from their nests among the stars. (Spurgeon n.d., 110)

And with that, there around the throne, another pause to bow down before the King and that we are there in His presence with Him.

Psalms 66:8–9

“Bless our God, you peoples, And sound His praise abroad, Who keeps us in life, And does not allow our feet to slip.” (NASB 2020)

The word David uses here is בָּרַךְ (barukh). This word implies something that exists with all those around the throne. Relationship.

Since the short formula implied acknowledgment of an intimate relationship with the person named therein, it was also suited to express acknowledgment of Israel’s covenant God. (Scharbert 1977, 285)

The word means “to bend the knees, to kneel down...to invoke God, to ask for a blessing, to bless...to invoke God, to praise, to celebrate, to adore, to bless God, which is done with bended knees. (Gesenius and Tregelles 2003, 142)

The call is for all to bless, to kneel to adore and to bless our God. For all who are there, that is indeed truth. He is indeed our God.

For the remnant, He is the one who has returned as they requested and saved them from the Beast.

The picture is one of the praises of the King being heard everywhere.

As we look for a building, one of the things we have been upfront with is our desire to be playing praise music as we come together to worship Jesus. The fear we are seeing from the world, reflected in the back and forth with potential landlords about that is really interesting. They want to limit the times we worship or even go as far as to eliminate our being able to play and enjoy worship music as we worship Jesus at all.



The Lord does indeed inhabit the praise of His people and those who are of the world, lead by the enemy, are not too happy about that.

For the remnant, those standing before the Lord after Armageddon, the Lord is indeed the one who keeps them in life. But for those of us who are followers of Jesus, we have eternal life right now because of what Jesus did on the cross for us. We too are kept in life. Jesus is indeed the creator and the one who holds everything together.

Paul explains that in his letter to the Colossians.

Colossians 1:13–20

**“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” (NKJV)

God has preserved Israel and has done so multiple times. Now the entire planet is at the throne in awe of the one who has done so.

David will now go through some of the history of what God has protected His people through.

Psalms 66:10–12

**“For You have put us to the test, God; You have refined us as silver is refined. You brought us into the net; You laid an oppressive burden upon us. You made men ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water. Yet You brought us out into a place of abundance.”** (NASB 2020)

God wants all of His people to grow and become more like Jesus. All of us have opportunities to grow through trials and testing in our Christian walk. All of it is show God’s power through our perseverance.

1 Peter 1:6–9

**“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”** (NKJV)

He puts us to the test, and the remnant has just completed their test coming through the Great Tribulation.

In the past they have been slaves in Egypt, enslaved by various powers during the period of the Judges, and because of walking away from the Lord, they went into exile. First the Northern Kingdom of Israel into Assyria, and then the Southern Kingdom in Babylon.

There were always those who were faithful, but the nation insisted on a head faith rather than a heart faith and move into religion rather than faith. Men did indeed ride over their heads in all of those instances, to



also include the fall of Judah to Rome in 70 AD followed shortly after by the Bar Kochba rebellion and the nation being dispersed into the world in the diaspora.

Into the water they went to escape Egypt, and into the fire, multiple times with the last being the most recent experience of the holocaust.

“Yet you brought us out into a place of abundance.” “Israel was nigh to being burnt up and drowned, but God led it forth to an abundant fulness, to abundance and superabundance of prosperity.” (Keil and Delitzsch 1996, 437)

And now the remnant is before the Lord with the nations of the world in worship.

Psalm 66:13–15

“I shall come into Your house with burnt offerings; I shall pay You my vows, Which my lips uttered And my mouth spoke when I was in distress. I shall offer to You burnt offerings of fat animals, With the smoke of rams; I shall make an offering of bulls with male goats. Selah” (NASB 2020)

With the nation now restored and the Messiah on the throne, David is intent to go to the Temple to worship with the best of sacrifices and to do so and lead the people together in the worship of the King. Nothing is held back and only the best of sacrifice will do for the Lord. This is a lavish kingly offering.

David made it personal with the lavish offering pointing to what Jesus was to do on the cross. A burnt offering pointed to a complete dedication or consecration to God by the one offering it. And yes, a burnt offering was for sin, point as well to what Jesus would do on the cross for us.

The extravagance of this kingly offering pales by comparison with the day when the Lord Jesus Christ offers himself as a sacrifice for sins. The vow that this psalmist fulfills reaches its climax when the Lord Jesus fulfills the vow he has made by covenant with the Father that he will offer himself to save his people from their sins. (Ash 2024, 194)

Psalm 66:16–20

“Come and hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul. I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was exalted with my tongue. If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear; But God has heard; He has given attention to the sound of my prayer. Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer Nor His favor from me.” (NASB 2020)

How we worship, tells the world who our God is and what we think about Him. Worship light, which we have already spent way too much time talking about, points to a people who are not taking God seriously and are in it for themselves.

In the nation, later prior to going into exile, this was reflected in those bringing the rejects as an offering, not the best. We see the same in Laodicean churches all around us today. Richard Phillips tells us that “worship that caters to personal preferences and then offers a light, entertaining sermon reveals an inconsequential God who must badly desire to win the approval of the sovereign human consumer. But holy and sacred worship that is governed by God’s Word, declaring scriptural truths about God’s glory, man’s sin, and the need of Christ’s saving blood for forgiveness, bears testimony to a Lord and Savior to whom we must surrender in receptive faith.” (Phillips 2019, 254)

Are you and I ready to join with David to invite others to come and hear what the Lord has done for us? Unfortunately, I have sat in prayer meetings where there were those who showed up and began public prayer negotiations with the Lord in order to get what they want. Yes, there is actually “teaching” from those of the world of the prosperity gospel intended for us to remain in our sin and happy about it.



Here it is clear, David wants his prayers to be heard. When he was there with the remnant at the end of the age, there is no issue. But now as he reflects, and is doing so back in the present day, he knows he still has a sin nature and as such cannot expect anything from the Lord as long as he continues to regard sin in his heart.

His desire is to tell the world of what the Lord has done for him. As we follow Jesus, we do the same every time we are provided the privilege to tell others what Jesus did for us. That is what the process of making disciples is all about. Telling our story of what Jesus did for me. Nothing fancy, just what the Spirit leads you to say.

As we do so He is indeed exalted by what we say. But as we approach the Lord and follow Him, we must have pure hearts and allow Him to be God. He will never disappoint us.

And that is where David ends, He has told us of worship in that yet future day in the Kingdom. Then he brings us back to the present day and provides instruction and encouragement. As we come to the Lord in prayer and a pure heart, i.e. 1 John 1:9 has been applied, He hears us. The important thing, as His kids, we also realize His favor on our lives as we walk with Him. Let's pray.

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