# PSALMS 29-31

## REVIEW…

- **Psalm**
  - David not asked
  - He he
  - The David Lord!
- **Psalm**
  - Since David of
  - ONE LORD his
- **Psalm** help
  - David out to ROCK And his knelt the

**26 –** The Test knew that he was good – so he the Lord to test him…
did so by examining – what SAW – where he WENT – what he DID…
RESULT was was able to STAND – and ENJOY the presence of the

**27 –** One thing the LORD was his STRENGTH – was not AFRAID anything…
thing David ASKED – and continually [imperfect] and intensely [piel] sought after…
- DWELL

[infinitive] in the HOUSE of the – ALL the days of life!

**28 –** A cry for

intensely cried the Lord – his – for help…
the LORD heard prayer – so David down the blessed LORD his SHEPHERD!

## Psalm 29 – Voice of the LORD

- **1st – Give to the LORD… vs. 1-2**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - A Psalm of David!
    - A personal PSALM David wrote to the LORD [no chief musician]
  - 2nd – Give to the LORD… vs. 1-2
    - Give unto the LORD - O you mighty ones!
      - MIGHTY ones [בְּנֵי אֵלִים] – SONS of God – those who belong to the LORD…
      - If we are a CHILD of God – then we are COMMANDED [imperative] to give THREE things!
    - Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
      - We MUST [imperative] give Him our STRENGTH - referring to our abilities – our TALENTS!
      - God has given each of us special abilities – TALENTS…
      - Areas where we excel and do better than others - music - finances - technology…
      - We do not choose these gifts – they are given to us by God - **Romans 12:6**
      - But often we use these gifts for selfish reasons – rather than for God…
      - Out gifts will never become all God intended them to be until we use them for God!
    - Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name!
      - We MUST [imperative] give the LORD the GLORY [כָּבוֹד]
      - Too often people take the GLORY for what they accomplish in this life…
      - But everything we are – comes from the LORD…
      - He gave us our hands and feet - our talent - our intellect - our abilities...
      - Therefore everything we have is a gift from God - all the GLORY goes to Him!
    - Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!
      - Choose [hishtaphel] to WORSHIP the LORD – because of His MAJESTY and HOLINESS…
      - When we understand EVERYTHING we have comes from the LORD…
      - Even the AIR we breathe – the beating of our hearts – is a GIFT…
      - Our response should be to WORSHIP the LORD – because we BELONG to Him!
- **2nd – The VOICE of the Lord… vs. 3-11**
  - 1st – LOUD voice… vs. 3-4
    - Having told us we MUST [imperative] give all we are to the LORD…
      - The question becomes – how do we know WHAT they LORD is saying to us…
      - David goes on to DESCRIBE the VOICE [קוֹל] in THREE ways!
    - LOUD water…
      - Voice of the LORD is over the waters. The God of glory thunders. He is over many waters.
      - The voice of the LORD is powerful. The voice of the LORD is full of majesty!
      - One of the most amazing things I have ever seen is Niagara Falls…
      - Almost 3 MILLION liters of water fall over the falls every SECOND…
      - The result is not just beautiful – it is also VERY loud - deafening!
      - The point is God is NOT quiet when He speaks – His voice is VERY loud…
      - To which we might answer – I have never HEARD the VOICE of the LORD…
      - God does not have to SPEAK with an audible voice [although He certainly can]
      - He SPEAKS through His CREATION - He speaks through His WORD – **Psalm 19**

- God is NOT silent – the question is are we LISTENING!

- 2nd – POWERFUL voice… vs. 5-9
  - The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars. Yes - the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
    - The Cedars of Lebanon were famous for their huge size – and durability…
    - They could grow to be over 40 meter tall – and could be up to 2.5 meter thick!
    - Yet the VOICE of God could BREAK them – SPLINTER [piel] them into little pieces…
  - He makes them also skip like a calf - Lebanon and [Hermon] like a young wild ox!
    - A voice that causes [hiphil] the mountains of Lebanon to skip like a calf…
    - Mount Hermon – THREE thousand meters high – to jump like a wild ox [Auroch]
  - The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.
    - The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness. The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh!
    - The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth - and strips the forests bare.
    - And in His temple everyone says - Glory!
    - DIVIDES the FIRE – seems to be a poetic reference the LIGHTNING bolts…
    - LIGHTENING – that moves at SIX thousand kilometers per SECOND…
    - When LIGHTENING strikes – the thunder causes the wilderness to SHAKE…
    - All the way to KADESH – the border of the land of Israel – **Judges 11:16**
    - The THUNDER causes dear to give birth – the LIGHTENING burns down [strips] forests…
    - Everyone who is in the TEMPLE – cries GLORY – hearing the LIGHTENING strikes!
  - Why is it that we think there are things too hard for God…
    - We assume our PROBLEMS – our FINANCES – our CIRCUMSTANCES – are too hard…
    - If the VOICE of God can SPLINTER mighty trees – and make mountains JUMP…
    - If His VOICE moves like LIGHTENING – He is NOT slow to answer…
    - Then there is NOTHING impossible for Him – if we will only LISTEN and OBEY!
    - Matthew 17:20 – "If you have faith as a mustard seed - you will say to this mountain [Hermon] move from here to there - and it will [leap]. Nothing will be impossible for you."
- 3rd – KINGLY voice… vs. 10-11
  - The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood - and the LORD sits as King forever.
    - The FLOOD [מַבּוּל] – a word ONLY used to describe the FLOOD of NOAH – **Genesis 6:17**
    - The THRONE of the LORD was the FLOOD – showed He is KING – He is in CONTROL…
    - He has the AUTHORITY to make the EARTH – or to DESTROY it!
  - The LORD will give strength to His people. The LORD will bless His people with peace!
    - But to His PEOPLE – those who are His SONS…
    - He continually [imperfect] gives STRENGTH – and intense [piel] PEACE [שָׁלוֹם]
    - When we realize all we have comes from the LORD – and we belong to the LORD…
    - Then we will desire to hear the VOICE of the LORD – and NOTHING will be impossible…
    - He will give us His STRENGTH and PEACE – even in the midst of the STORM!

## Psalm 30 – Need for humility

- **1st – Reasons to PRAISE… vs. 1-5**
  - Introduction… vs. 1
    - A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the house of David!
    - Written when David dedicated his PALACE [house] to the LORD – **II Chronicles 14:1**

- **II Chronicles 14:2 –** "David now knew that the LORD had made him a powerful king."
- It was a TIME when David was becoming very SUCCESSFUL…
- He was established – and had VICTORY over all his enemies...
- But with POWER and SUCCESS – came the danger of PRIDE!
- **II Chronicles 14:17 –** "[He] became more famous - the LORD made all the nations afraid of him."

○ 1st – Victory… vs. 1

- I will extol You O LORD - for You have lifted me up - and have not let my foes rejoice over me!
- David would INTENSELY [polel] praise the LORD…
- Because the LORD had rescued [lifted] him – so his enemies could NOT rejoice!
- In particular he had DEFEATED the Philistines – the perpetual enemy of Israel – **II Samuel 5:17**
- David asked the Lord if he should attack the Philistines – would God give him victory
- God told him - YES – and David defeated the Philistines in the valley of Rephaim [giants]
- The next year the Philistines returned with a larger force ready for war again
- David again asked the Lord if he should attack them – God told him – NO…
- Instead David was to go behind them and attack from cover of the trees…
- When David heard the sounds of marching from the trees – he was to attack!
- The problem with religion – it tries to put God into a box…
- It is easy to get caught up in methods – and forget it is all about knowing Jesus…
- VICTORY does NOT come from following a FORMULA – it comes from LISTENING to the LORD!

○ 2nd– Healing… vs. 2-3

- O LORD my God - I cried out to You - and You healed me.
- O LORD - You brought my soul up from the grave.
- You have kept me alive - that I should not go down to the pit!
- David INTENSELY [piel] cried out to the LORD for HEALING [רָפָא]
- We are not given any SPECIFIC sickness in the Bible that David suffered from…
- It would seem he was so SICK – that he thought he would DIE [שְׁאוֹל]
- But the LORD CAUSED [hiphil] him to come up – worked HARD [piel] and kept him ALIVE!
- One of the hardest things to face is our MORTALITY – our bodies are FRAGILE…
- But God is MORE than able to HEAL – there is NO sickness He cannot CURE…

- Not that we should not go do see a doctor if we are SICK…
- But we should never forget who the GREAT physician is – nothing is impossible for Him!
- **Exodus 15:26** – "I am the LORD that HEALS you [יְהוָה רֹפְאֶךָ]"

- 3rd – Favor… vs. 4-5
  - Sing praise to the LORD - you saints of His - give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.
  - For His anger is but for a moment - His favor is for life.
  - Weeping may endure for a night - but joy comes in the morning!
  - SING [imperative] LOUD [piel] to the LORD – you who are FAITHFUL [saints]
  - He will CAUSE [hiphil] us to give THANKS when we remember He is HOLY [קֹדֶשׁ]
  - His ANGER is just for a MOMENT [blink of an eye] - but His BLESSINGS are for a LIFETIME!
  - WEEPING may happen for a NIGHT – but when the sun RISES – there will be JOY!
  - It all comes back to PERSPECTIVE – do BAD things happen to SAINTS – YES…
  - Those who are the CHILDREN of the LORD – will face His ANGER – **Hebrews 12:7**
  - And there will be SUFFERING – NIGHTS full of tears – **John 16:33**
  - But they are NOTHING compared to the GLORY God prepared for us – **II Corinthians 4:17**

- **2ND – CHANGE OF HEART… VS. 6-12**
  - 1st – Danger of PRIDE… vs. 6-7
    - Now in my prosperity I said - I shall never be moved.
      - David had it ALL – a beautiful PALACE – VICTORY of his enemies – HEALED of his sickness…
      - But when there were NO problems – his heart became PRIDEFUL…
      - I – even I – said in my EASY life - I will NEVER be moved [niphal]
    - LORD - by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong.
      - You hid Your face - and I was troubled!
      - But it was the LORD – by GRACE [favor] – who had made David stand strong…
      - And when the LORD hid His face – David was TROUBLED [niphal]
      - David took wives and concubines in Jerusalem – **II Samuel 5:13**
      - But the Law clearly stated the King was not to add wives – **Deuteronomy 17:17**
      - David was doing so many things right – it was easy to miss the one wrong…
      - But the problem was growing – from TWO wives - to EIGHTEEN wives!
      - A problem that would in a short time almost completely destroy the King!
      - Satan is smart - he does not attack us where we are strong – he looks for our weakness
      - He knows it only takes one area of sin – to compromise our walk with the Lord...
      - Satan will try to get us bogged down in that sin – to SEPARATE us from Jesus!
  - 2nd – Power of HUMILITY… vs. 8-10
    - I cried out to You O LORD. To the Lord I made supplication: What profit is there in my blood.
      - In response to God HIDING from David – he continually [imperfect] cried out to the LORD…

- It caused David to come to the Lord [אֲדֹנָי] – in SUPPLICATION
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- SUPPLICATION [78 - [חָנַן]x in OT - this is the OT version of the NT GRAC
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- When I go down to the pit - will the dust praise You. Will it declare Your truth!
  - Hear O LORD - and have mercy on me. LORD be my helper!
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- 3rd – Mourning to dancing… vs. 11-12
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  - You have turned for me my mourning into dancing.
  - You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.
  - To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.
  - O LORD my God - I will give thanks to You forever!
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## Psalm 31 – Help in Trouble

- **1st – TRUST the LORD… vs. 1-5**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David!
    - CHIEF Musician – the one who plays [piel] the music – leads the congregation in worship!
    - We do NOT know when this Psalm was written – David was ALWAYS in trouble…
    - But this Psalm is FREQUENTLY quoted in both Old and New Testament!
    - David himself quotes the first three verses - **Psalm 71:1-3**

- Jonah quotes **Psalm 31:6** – from the belly of the fish – **Jonah 2:8**
- Jeremiah quoted **Psalm 31:13** – fear on every side – SIX times – **Jeremiah 6:25** [others]
- Paul quoted **Psalm 31:24** [LXX] – **I Corinthians 16:13**
- Jesus quoted **Psalm 31:5** – as His final words on the cross – **Luke 23:46**

- 2nd – Trust the LORD… vs. 1
  - In You O LORD - I put my trust. Let me never be ashamed. Deliver me in Your righteousness!
  - TRUST [חָסָה] – protection or hope – is an OT equivalent of FAITH [πίστις]
  - David put his FAITH in the LORD – knowing God would NEVER let him be ASHAMED…
  - Rather – God would let him ESCAPE [deliver] through HIS righteousness [צְדָקָה]
  - No one will EVER stand before God because they were a GOOD person…
  - Because there are NO good people – everyone is a SINNER – **Romans 3:23**
  - But Jesus – the only PERFECT man – paid the price for our sin – **Romans 6:23**
  - Not because we earned it - but it was GIVEN to us – by FAITH – through GRACE!
  - **II Corinthians 5:21** – "God made Christ - who never sinned - to be the offering for our sin - so that we could be made right with God through Christ."
- 3rd – The FORTRESS… vs. 2-3
  - Bow down Your ear to me deliver me speedily. Be my rock of refuge.
  - A fortress of defense to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress.
  - Therefore - for Your names sake - lead me and guide me!
  - Cause [hiphil] your ear to bend [imperative] down – and DELIVER [hiphil] me quickly…
  - My STRONG rock for a HOUSE – You are my FORTRESS that SAVES me…
  - Therefore – LEAD [hiphil] me and GUIDE [piel] me!
  - **Matthew 7:24** – "I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock."
  - If we build our life on the wisdom of this world [sand] – we will be VERY unstable…
  - If we build our life the Jesus [rock] – we will be UNMOVABLE - **Hebrews 13:8**
  - But being FOUNDED on the ROCK – means listening to and OBEYING the WORD…
  - ONLY when we are LEAD [listen] by the Lord – and He GUIDES us [obey] – are we on the ROCK!
- 4th – Our SALVATION… vs. 4-5
  - Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me - for You are my strength.
    - The Pharisees – Religious leaders – and Romans – all wanted Jesus dead…

- They laid a trap for Him – using Judas to betray Him – so they could crucify Him!
- **Luke 22:4** - [Judas] conferred with the chief priests and captains - how he might betray Jesus…"

▪ Into Your hand I commit my spirit. You have redeemed me - O LORD God of truth!

- Jesus quote this as His LAST words on the CROSS…
- **Luke 23:46** – "Jesus had cried out with a loud voice - He said – Father into Your hands I commit My spirit. Having said this - He breathed His last."
- Why would Jesus quote this PSALM – as His final statement before He died…
- So we would go back to the PSALM – and see what happened after His death…
- REDEEMED [perfect] – the TRUTH is Jesus PAID the price for all our sin…
- When we come to the LORD in FAITH – to receive His GRACE…
- Our life will be founded on a ROCK – because we are FORGIVEN through the CROSS!

- **2ND – SEPARATED FROM THE LORD… VS. 6-13**
  - 1st – No HATRED… vs. 6
    - I have hated those who regard useless idols - but I trust in the LORD!
    - David hated those who TRUSTED [regard] in useless IDOLS [lies] – he trusted the Lord!
    - Jonah was told by God to go and PREACH to a PAGAN people [Ninevites]
    - Rather than go – he RAN away – because he HATED those who worshiped IDOLS – **Jonah 2:8**
    - The result was he ended up getting swallowed by a FISH – and then went to Nineveh!
    - God does not want us to HATE those who are LOST in the world…
    - Jesus LOVE them – He DIED for them – and He wants to SAVE them…
    - We are called to go out to the LOST – and give them the GOOD news – **Romans 10:14**
  - 2nd – ADVERSITY… vs. 7-8
    - I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy - for You have considered my trouble.
    - You have known my soul in adversities - and have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy.
    - You have set my feet in a wide place!
    - David was VERY [cohortative] glad – because the LORD had considered his HUMILITY [עָנְיִ֑י]
    - And the LORD had [יָדַ֥ע] SEEN [perfect] the trouble in his SOUL…
    - Therefore - LORD had not CAUSED [hiphil] him to be caught by the hand of his enemy…
    - Instead the LORD had CAUSED [hiphil] him to be on a SAFE [wide] path!
    - Often times we are left to WONDER – does God SEE the problems I am going through…
    - When we realize the LORD is watching over us – it should make us VERY glad…
    - Because the LORD does SEE – and He is the one who can keep us SAFE!
    - **Proverbs 15:3** – "The eyes of the LORD are in every place…"
  - 3rd – INIQUITY… vs. 9-10

- Have mercy on me O LORD - for I am in trouble. My eye wastes away with grief.
- Yes - my soul and my body. For my life is spent with grief - and my years with sighing.
- My strength fails because of my iniquity - and my bones waste away!
- David begged [imperative] the LORD for GRACE [חָנַן]
- Because his INIQUITY [perhaps Bathsheba] - he was in TROUBLE…
- His EYE [mind] – BODY – and SOUL [spirit] – were all wasting away…
- His STRENGTH was FAILING – he could no longer STAND [bones were weak]!
- Sin is like a CANCER that consumes us from the inside out…
- When there is unrepentant sin in our lives – it will suck the life out of us!
- **Psalm 32:3** – "When I [did not repent] - my bones grew old – [I groaned] all the day long."

  - 4th – FORGOTTEN… vs. 11-13
    - I am a reproach among all my enemies - but especially among my neighbors.
    - And am repulsive to my acquaintances. Those who see me outside flee from me.
    - I am forgotten like a dead man - out of mind. I am like a broken vessel.
    - For I hear the slander of many. Fear is on every side. They take counsel together against me.
    - They scheme to take away my life!
    - The INIQUITY of David did not just affect him personally – it effected his relationships…
    - ALL [כֹּל] of his ENEMIES mocked [reproach] him – his NEIGHBORS were VERY [מְאֹד] fearful…
    - Those who SAW him pass by – would RUN away from him…
    - His SIN had made [niphal] others FORGET him - he was a BROKEN man…
    - He heard the WHISPERS – FEAR on every side – people wanting to KILL him!
    - Not ALL problem come from SIN – but ALL sin leads to PROBLEMS…
    - God will NOT let us continue in unrepentant sin – He will put FEAR on every side…
    - The purpose is to get our ATTENTION – to BREAK us – so we cry out for GRACE!

- **3rd – The Contrast… vs. 14-18**
  - 1st – Salvation… vs. 14-16
    - But as for me - I trust in You O LORD. I say - You are my God. My times are in Your hand.
    - Deliver me from the hand of my enemies - from those who persecute me.
    - Make Your face shine upon Your servant. Save me for Your mercies sake!

- BUT – I TRUST [בָּטַח] in YOU – LORD – YOU are my GOD…
- My DAYS [time] are in YOUR hand – CAUSE [hiphil] me to be DELIVERED from my enemies…
- SHINE [imperative] YOUR light on me – CAUSE [hiphil] me to be SAVED by GRACE [חָסָד]
- Being SAVED – is not something we EARN – we deserve to be handed over to our enemies…
- But when we out our TRUST in the LORD – He gives us His GRACE…
- So we do NOT get what we deserve in – instead we are VICTORY!

o 2nd – Ashamed… vs. 17-18

- Do not let me be ashamed O LORD - for I have called upon You. Let the wicked be ashamed.
- Let them be silent in the grave. Let the lying lips be put to silence…
- Which speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous!
- LORD [first word] – PLEASE [אַל – cohortative] do NOT let me be ASHAMED…
- Instead – let the WICKED be ASHAMED – SILENT [imperfect] in the GRAVE [שְׁאוֹל]
- Those who speak – ARROGANT [insolent] – PROUD – CONTEMPT against the righteous [צַדִּיק]
- Being ASHAMED – being WICKED – is not about what we do…
- David was NOT an innocent man – he had INIQUITY in his life…
- Being ASHAMED – is the result of who we look to – where we put our TRUST…
- If we put our TRUST in the LORD – then we will find GRACE – and become RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק]
- If we are ARROGANT and PROUD – then we will end up SILENT in the GRAVE!

- **4TH – LOVE THE LORD… VS. 19-24**

o 1st – Reward… vs. 19-20

- Oh how great is Your goodness which You have laid up for those who fear You.
- Which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men!
- You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man.
- You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues!
- When we show our FAITH [חָסָה] in the LORD – before the sons of MEN [אָדָם]
- Because we FEAR the LORD more than MEN – the LORD will show GREAT [רַב] GOODNESS [טוּב]
- Hiding us in the SECRET place [where His FACE is] – in His BOOTH [סֵכָּה]
- If we are MORE worried about when others think of us – than what God thinks…
- Then we are going to FEAR men – and NOT fear the LORD!

- 2nd – God HEARS… vs. 21-22
  - Blessed be the LORD - for He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city!
  - For I said in my haste - I am cut off from before Your eyes.
  - Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried out to You!
  - BLESSED be the LORD - because He CAUSED [hiphil] His GRACE [חֶסֶד] to be seen…
  - David said too FAST – that he had been cut off – because of his SIN [niphal] from the LORD…
  - Because the LORD heard [perfect] – when David CRIED [piel] out to Him!
  - God will ALWAYS hear the prayer of REPENTANCE
  - There is NO sin we can ever commit – that He is NOT willing to FORGIVE!
- 3rd – Love the LORD… vs. 23-24
  - Oh - love the LORD all you His saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful…
  - And fully repays the proud person. Be of good courage - and He shall strengthen your heart.
  - All you who hope in the LORD!
  - LOVE [imperative] the LORD you SAINTS – those who have received GRACE [חֶסֶד]
  - Because He preserves the FAITHFUL – but INTENSELY [piel] punishes the PROUD…
  - He will STRENGTHEN the hearts of those who WAIT [piel] on Him!