

Joyful Worship or Mr. Bean Mentality? – Psalm 92

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A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath.

- ¹ It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
- ³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
- ⁴ For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
- ⁵ How great are your works, O Lord!
Your thoughts are very deep!
- ⁶ The stupid man cannot know;
the fool cannot understand this:
- ⁷ that though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever;
- ⁸ but you, O Lord, are on high forever.
- ⁹ For behold, your enemies, O Lord,
for behold, your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.
- ¹⁰ But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.
- ¹¹ My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
- ¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- ¹³ They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
- ¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,
- ¹⁵ to declare that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Introduction and Background

- have you ever had the Mr. Bean church syndrome?
- if you are fan of _____ you certainly know what I am talking about
- Mr. Bean goes to church at Christmas and is so completely bored that he has to hold his eyelids open so he does not fall asleep
- the Mr. Bean mentality means you are at church but you are really not engaged and fighting to stay awake

- hear this hilarious story of a guy who fell asleep in _____

- this is a true story of a man who experienced a rude awakening in church:
This man generally slept in church, so he dropped off like he always did, only this time a power outage left the auditorium in total darkness. The pastor did not use notes to preach and kept right on preaching.

Somewhere toward the sermon's end, the groggy church sleeper woke up. He rubbed his eyes but couldn't see a thing. He heard the preacher and could feel his wife and daughter on both sides of him, but everything was pitch-black. In a state of panic he stood up and declared, "Help me, I'm blind!"

The congregation who knew what was going on broke out in a great laughter!

- if you want to know the _____ of worship do not look to Mr. Bean or the groggy church sleeper, look to Psalm 92
- the person who _____ this Psalm is overjoyed with the with the steadfast _____ and faithfulness of God and this leads him to _____ the Lord
- the author of Psalm 92 had been made _____ by the works of the Lord and this leads him to corporate joyful _____ with God's people

- Psalm 92 is a _____ of the Sabbath as is written in the subscript
- this means that this Psalm was _____ on the Sabbath either in the _____ or the Synagogue
- the fact that this Psalm is labeled a Psalm of _____ reveals the importance of _____ worship
- in Hebrews 4 the Sabbath has been _____ in Jesus, which means we must view the Sabbath through the person and _____ of Jesus Christ
- when you experience salvation through Christ you _____ the Sabbath rest

- but there is still a Sabbath _____ which means that we as believers in Jesus Christ _____ prioritize corporate _____ on the Lord's day which is Sunday
- the _____ of believers in _____ worship is very important to the New Testament
- in fact, you _____ understand the New Testament and the Old Testament for that matter without the understanding of the _____ of corporate worship
- the New Testament _____ were written to Christians who gathered _____ in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus and so on

- in Psalm 92:13 the _____ are described as those who are _____ in the house of the Lord
- they flourish in the _____ of the Lord
- the righteous are with God's _____ together flourishing and being established

- Psalm 92 has been called a " _____ " and a "thanksgiving" Psalm
- this Psalm reveals _____ by calling out how the "fool and stupid man" live their _____
- this Psalm also focuses upon _____ thankfulness to the Lord in Psalm 92:1-4 and 92:15

- this Psalm has _____ clear sections
- 1) 92:1-5 – we see that the people of God are called to joyfully _____ the Lord because of His _____ and works with voices and instruments in a corporate setting
- 2) 92:6-11 – we see the contrast between the _____ and those who are righteous
- the foolish and stupid person cannot understand the things of the Lord and they will be destroyed
- 3) 92:12-15 – we see the _____ person and how they flourish by the _____ of God

Outline in Brief

1) (92:1-5) Super Joy in the Lord

2) (92:6-11) Stupid Man

3) (92:12-16) Saints Flourishing and Sinless Lord Proclaimed

1) (92:1-5) Super Joy in the _____

(92:1) It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

- it is good to _____ the Lord
- does anybody else think it is good to _____ the Lord?

- our culture does a lot of praising of _____ things
- in fact there was a love _____ by an artist called "Fatboy Slim" called "Praise You"
- this song praises a _____ who has been with him through thick and thin

- we praise all sorts of _____ and musicians with the Oscars Awards and Grammy Awards
- the _____ actors and musicians are chosen and praised for what people think they have done

- _____ no one compares to God Most High
- it is _____ to give thanks to the Lord for all that He has _____ and accomplished
- it is good to _____ praises to the great and awesome name of the Lord

- _____ about all the great works that God has done that it would be _____ to praise the Lord for!
- the Lord _____ His creation, the Lord cares for His creation, the Lord has _____ us His one and only Son to die in our place so that we could be _____ from the punishment of sin
- Jesus Christ bore the _____ of sin so that we could be forgiven and have the hope of _____ life

- indeed it is _____ to give thanks and praise the Lord for what He has done for sinners
- this begs the question, that we must ask ourselves, _____ are we praising?
- are we praising ourselves, praising _____ else or is our conviction "it is good to praise the Lord"?

(92:2) to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

- it is also _____ to do two other things!

- it is good to _____ or announce 1) the steadfast _____ of the Lord and 2) the _____ of the Lord

a) the steadfast love of the Lord

- this is the _____ or mercy of God

- this is the grace of God that we see displayed in the Lord choosing Israel and showing grace and _____ to them

- this "steadfast love" points us to the _____ and _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ

b) the faithfulness of the Lord

- we see this _____ as the Lord continues to show _____ and grace to the people of God

- although Israel sins the Lord perseveres in His tender _____ towards His people

- the Lord's _____ is revealed in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ

- it is good to announce these wonderful _____ about the Lord

(92:3) to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

- praise and thanksgiving to the Lord is not just to be done by _____ but these are to be accompanied by stringed _____

- we see a similar jubilant _____ described in Psalm 150!

Psalm 150:3-5 ³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and _____! ⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with _____ and pipe! ⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

(92:4) For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

- now the Psalmist gives us the _____ why the Lord is to be thanked and praised

- the Lord has made Him glad because of His _____

- the works of the _____ of the Lord cause Him to sing for joy

- _____ about all the great works of the Lord again

- think about all the works of the hands of the _____

- we could _____ the great works of God in Exodus 1-14

- we could ponder the great works of God in the _____ plagues

- we could ponder the Lord _____ the heart of Pharaoh so that the Lord could get glory over Pharaoh
- we could _____ the Lord causing the Red Sea to split so that Israel could walk on dry ground
- we could ponder the Lord causing the horse and rider to fall into the _____
- we could ponder the Lord providing _____ and water for His people in the wilderness
- we can finally and most importantly ponder the great works of the Lord _____ Christ
- His _____, His resurrection and His ascension into _____
- Jesus was victorious over _____ so that we could share in the _____ of eternal life with God _____
- I pray that these works of God would make you _____ and cause you to sing for joy
- if you do _____ know the Lord Jesus, I pray that you would be led from _____ for God's work to joyful _____ for what the Lord has done for you

(92:5) How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

- the Psalmist cannot help but _____ the greatness of the _____ of God
- when you think about all the works of the Lord, and when you think about the great works of Jesus Christ you _____ help but say "great are your works"
- not only are the _____ of God great the thoughts of the Lord are _____ deep
- the thoughts and _____ of the Lord are very hard for some people to _____
- people get upset with _____ and what has happened and make many _____ claims about the Lord
- people claim that God is not good because "an all-powerful and loving god would not do _____ or would not allow _____ to happen"
- _____ our thoughts are not God's thoughts and the Lord's thoughts are very _____

- hear what Isaiah writes about the great _____ of the Lord!

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my _____ are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways _____ than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- the farthest a human has _____ from the earth is 400,171 kilometers and yet a person could travel for their lifetime and _____ reach the end of the heavens

- we _____ travel forever and never reach the end of the heavens, in our humanity we can never _____ comprehend, in totality, the greatness of God and the scope of His _____

- how great and high are the thoughts of God in _____ to our thoughts

2) (92:6-11) Stupid Man

(92:6) The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this:

- some might find this verse politically _____ but it does call people who _____ the greatness of God “stupid” and “foolish”

- the word stupid does not carry the same meaning in the Hebrew that we think of in the English

- this word “stupid” in the Bible has more to do with _____ the Lord

- if you reject the Lord you are stupid and _____, because you have rejected the plain _____ of God as revealed in creation

- the _____ does not understand the things of the Lord

- this verse reminds us of what Psalm 14 says about those who _____ the Lord

Psalm 14:1 The fool says in his _____, "There is _____ God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does _____.

(92:7) that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever;

- we can all relate to this _____ although we might not like to admit it

- sometimes we see people who are just plain _____ and evil and guess what, they _____ on earth

- there are many wicked people that have prospered on earth

- they prospered because of their corruption and the evil they committed

- certain people have prospered by oppressing, _____ and stealing from others

- but those who _____ the Lord Jesus have a terrible fate, the foolish and stupid person is _____ to destruction
- until a person sees they are _____ and they _____ punishment because of their sin, they will never see the need for the _____ of God offered in Jesus Christ

(92:8) but you, O LORD, are on high forever.

- there is a “_____” in 92:8 and this provides a contrast between the foolish and stupid man’s _____ with the eternity of the Lord
- the wicked will perish but the Lord is “on high” or the Lord is exalted _____
- we as humans are not _____, we are temporary but the Lord is _____
- we are for a moment, and the Lord is forever and He will be exalted as holy forever

(92:9) For behold, your enemies, O LORD, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

- the _____ of the Lord will perish
- in Psalm 92:7 the enemies of the Lord are _____ and now we are reminded that the enemies of the Lord will _____
- additionally, the enemies of the Lord will be _____
- to be scattered means that you are under the _____ of God
- although we might not see the _____ of the Lord perish and be scattered with our own eyes, we know that Jesus Himself _____ the punishment of God upon those who _____ His grace and mercy

(92:10) But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

- the enemies of the Lord will _____ but the Lord causes the Psalmist to _____

1) His _____ is exalted like that of a wild ox

- this means that the Psalmist has physical strength in the Lord

2) fresh oil is _____ over him

- oil was used like a moisturizer _____ in the Bible times because the climate in Israel was very _____

- oil functioned like Lubriderm or Olay or any other popular _____ that you could buy at the store

- this means that the Lord brings _____ or refreshment

- the enemies of the Lord _____ but the Psalmist by the grace of God is given strength and _____ by the Lord

(92:11) My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

- the Psalmist is able to see the downfall of his _____
- sometimes we do not get to _____ the full endgame of the plans of the Lord
- but the Psalmist gets to see his enemies downfall and their _____

- the Psalmist is refreshed and given _____ and at the end of it all he sees the doom of his enemies

3) (92:12-16) Saints Flourishing and Sinless Lord Proclaimed

(92:12) The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

- the _____ of the Lord will be doomed but now we see the outcome of the _____

a) Saints Flourishing

i) they will flourish like two _____

1) the _____ tree – this is a tree of great majesty and _____

2) _____ of Lebanon – these are big and _____ trees

- the righteous are not like moose maple or a small _____ tree

- the righteous by the grace of God are like the great trees that have great _____

(92:13) They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

ii) need to fellowshiping and flourishing together

- the righteous are planted and _____ in the house of the Lord and the courts of the Lord

- the house and the _____ of the Lord refer to the place where _____ worship happened in the life of Israel

- so the _____ flourish because they are established with _____ righteous people

- they are _____ worshipping the Lord

- many people think that _____ the Lord is personal, and that is partly true, but it is not entirely true

- the righteous _____ to be in fellowship, flourishing _____ as God has commanded

iii) the righteous continue to bear fruit even until they are older

(92:14) They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

- the righteous, continue to _____ fruit even until they are older

- if you are _____ here today and if you are righteous you can still bear fruit

- the _____ even if they are older will be full of sap and green

- this means that you will still produce good _____

b) Sinless Lord Proclaimed

(92:15) to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

- what do the righteous _____?

- they proclaim the _____ and the holiness of God

i) the Lord is _____

- the Lord is without fault and without sin

ii) the Lord is my _____

- this means that the Lord is his sure foundation and a refuge

iii) there is _____ unrighteousness in the Lord

- there is no _____ in the Lord

- _____ righteousness and wickedness cannot be _____ in the Lord

- the righteous _____ that the Lord is Holy, Holy, _____!

Application

1) Be Joyful Because Of The Great Grace And Great Works Of God

- do you see the _____ in this Psalm

- in 92:1 – it is _____ to give thanks and sing praises to the Lord

- in 92:2 – it is good to announce the _____ of God

- in 92:4 – the Lord has made him _____ because of God's works

- the Psalmist sings for joy at the _____ of God's hands

- in 92:15 the righteous _____ that the Lord is pure and holy

- the Lord, His _____, His grace and His works make God's people _____
- can you honestly say today and sing "He has made me glad, He has made glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad"?
- are you _____ and _____ for the work of Christ
- last week I pondered some amazing passages about the great work of _____ in 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 5:7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been _____.

1 Corinthians 6:20 for you were bought with a _____. So glorify God in your body.

- _____ Christ came and died at a price, and the _____ was His own life
- the price of bearing the _____ of God in place of sinners
- Jesus Christ died as the Passover lamb so that the _____ of our sins would pass over us and we could have _____

- does that make you _____?
- does Jesus and His _____ make you sing for joy?
- does Jesus and His gracious work make you want to come and _____ with God's people and _____ His glorious name?

- if _____ does not make you glad consider the wonderful _____ that He does offer you
- Jesus died so that you can _____ the judgment of God for your own sin
- we all _____ the anger and punishment of God for our sin, _____ Jesus bears it and gives _____ to those who would receive Him
- _____ Jesus today and turn from you sin and experience eternal life

2) Announce And Make Known The Greatness Of God

- because of the great work and grace of _____ the Psalmist gives thanks, sings praises, _____, sings for joy and announces God's work
- if Jesus Christ has _____ you is this where you are at?
- or has the _____ and greatness of the Lord become old hat to you?
- have you become desensitized to the greatness of God and has your heart become _____?

Ross in his commentary on the Psalms says this

There is a fundamental _____ why God preserves and blesses the lives of his people in this world. It is so that they will proclaim His righteousness to the world. And Psalm ____ shows us how to do that through praise. Unfortunately, believers today have all but abandoned individual or corporate _____ of this kind. When this happens, the basic witness of the church is seriously weakened.

- let us announce the great works of God

- listen to this hymn that was written by Isaac Watts, inspired by Psalm 92

*My heart shall triumph in the Lord, and bless his works, and bless his word;
thy works of grace, how bright they shine, how deep thy counsels, how divine!
And I shall share a glorious part, when grace has well refined my heart,
and fresh supplies of joy are shed, like holy oil, to cheer my head.
Then shall I see and hear and know all I desired or wished below;
and every power find sweet employ in that eternal world of joy.*

- the great _____ and works of God are amazing!

- are you _____? Are you willing to _____ to the world all that the Lord has done for you?

Next Sunday...

- **Psalm 57**

- **Prepare your heart for communion**

- **Cash collection for the Benevolent Fund**

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