

"Action Psalm"

PSALM 2

1. What is the Action:

- a) Armie's _____
- b) Kings & rulers _____ their forces
- c) people _____
- d) counsels are held; God is laughing and putting the rulers in derision.
- e) Anarchy, revolt, bloodshed - all are described, culminating in the coronation at Jerusalem of Jehovah's anointed ruler - His Son

2. The Divisions: 12 verses divide into _____ sections of _____ verses each

- a) in each group a different _____ is presented
- b) in each group a different _____ is heard

3. This is the first Messianic Psalm.

4. Section I

- a) An inquirer raises a question as he describes the armies of earth's rulers in revolt against the Lord.
- b) The heathen "RAGE"= The word means "tumultuously _____" - In essence, a riot is staged.
 - 1. Kings assemble - take counsel together
 - 2. Goal - take action against _____
 - 3. "Let us break their bands assunder" – this is the unified cry of earth's masses.

c) Partial fulfillment at first advent

- 1. Acts 4:23ff
- 2. We here learn that David is the _____

5. Section II - vs. 4-6

- a) The scene quickly changes to heaven - heavenly but not _____.
 - 1. Heaven is thundering with decrees and declarations
 - 2. God is laughing in mockery against the wicked attempts of man to do away with Him, to do away with God in their thinking.
- b) The people of earth sent Jesus Christ back to heaven with this message: "We will not have this man to rule over us"

- c) But God has declared "Yet I have set my king upon my holy hill in Zion."
6. Section III - New Scene - Jesus Speaks (vs. 7-9)
- a) Here we see the manifestation of the _____
1. N.T. - "this is my beloved Son,"
Acts 13:32-33; Hebrews 5:5 NOTE: Romans 1:4; Colossians 1:18; Revelation 1:18
 2. Each time this verse is quoted in the N.T. it refers to the Resurrection.
 3. On that Resurrection day The Father said (vs. 8) - Hebrews 1:2-3; Ephesians 1:10
 4. Total Dominion from Jerusalem by Jesus Christ the Lord!
- b) However, vs. 9 must take place first. Revelation 19:15; Revelation 2:26-27; 1 Corinthians 15:24;
7. Section IV - (vs. 10-12) - The Peaceful Reign of the Son of Righteousness
- a) "Kiss the Son" - Give reverence to the Heir - The King
- b) Proper relation with Christ is essential for happiness (1 Corinthians 16:22).
8. Further Notes:
- a) The Jewish people seemed to have used this psalm when seeing the wicked prosper. They turned to it when good seemed to turn out bad. Every Christian faces these times. There are occasions when it seems no matter how hard or sincere one works for God, the unrighteous seem to be on the mountain top while we are in the valley. Remember, right will ultimately turn out right. Victory will come if we don't take things into our own hands (Galatians 6:9)
- b) Heathen - Always depicted all those nations except Israel.
- Rage - same word used in Daniel 6:6,11

PSALM 8 - Man and the Universe

Intro: Scientists and philosophers have always been concerned about the nature and meaning of the physical universe and the role of man in that universe.

1. The psalms often deal with this theme and always ascribe it all to _____. Psalm eight is a prime example, It begins and ends with the great testimony of praise, "Oh Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth."
 - a) Two Hebrew words used here:
 1. _____ = the Self-existent One - Eternal God
 2. _____ = the Controller, Master (Lord) Suggests that God is both Father and Son - Creator and Ruler.
 - b) Note the scientific accuracy here: David learned that there was something beyond the heavens.
2. How excellent is thy name in all the earth" - What does this mean? How has God written His name in all the earth?

a) Note John 12:20-24

1. Two Greeks came and asked: we would see Jesus
2. The disciples approached Jesus with the request
3. He gave a startling reply: vs. 24-26
4. Seems to be an ambiguous reply. However, it isn't.
 - a. The Greeks had no inspired revelation of God.
 - b. Nevertheless they were not without a witness the invisible things of God are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead.
 - c. He attracted their attention to the corn of wheat. In order to sustain man in the form of bread it is necessary to fall into the ground and die. If not, it abides alone.
 - d. This was symbolic of His death and resurrection.
 - e. Therefore, the redemptive work of Christ is the very principle that God has written in creation.

3. Verse 2

a) Quoted by Jesus – Matthew 21:16 – to vindicate the conduct of those crying “Hosanna to the Son of David” against the objections of the Pharisees and Scribes.

4. Verse 3 – We don't yet know what purpose God has for the _____

- a) Nearest one is 30 trillion miles away
- b) the heavens are the Lord's. Psalm 115:16
- c) We do know they are for _____ – Genesis 1:14

PSALM 19

1. Written by _____
2. Committed to director of the song service in the sanctuary for the use of the assembled worshippers.
3. While watching sheep, it is obvious that David studied two things - _____ and _____.
4. This psalm divides itself into 3 parts:
 - 1-6 - The _____ Revelation
 - 7-11 - The _____ Revelation
 - 12-14 - The _____ of Man
5. The _____ Revelation

- a) One of the grandest objects of praise to God is that of His marvelous creation. Often the psalmists sang of the wonders and beauties of the universe, dealing with the same phenomena that are studies of modern science.
- b) "Heavens" - plural - 2 Corinthians 12:2; Psalm 148:4
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- c) "Declare the glory of God" = the heavens deliver to us such unanswerable arguments for a conscious, intelligent, planning, controlling and presiding Creator that no unprejudiced person can remain unconvinced by them.
1. "Red sky at night, shepherd's delight" "Red sky at morning, shepherd's warning"
 2. Daily, meteorologists look to the heavens to declare what a day will bring forth.
 3. However, Psalmists speaking of more than that speaks of the heavens declaring "the glory of God"
 - A. Immensity
 1. Only 2500 stars visible to the naked eye
 2. Number increases 'ad infinitum' depending on the quality of equipment.
 3. The more you study - the more immense they appear.
 4. They can't help but testify to the immensity of God.
- d) Verse 1 b - the firmament _____ His handiwork
1. Shows His skillful, creating hands.
 2. firmament - What is it? Genesis 1:8
- e) Verse 2 - Speaks of "Time"
1. Day unto Day - Night unto Night
 2. As verse 1 spoke of "Space"
 3. Time= Avenue through which God communicates unto _____
 - a. No _____ with God - No yesterday
No tomorrow
No today
Only NOW
 - b. No possible way to comprehend eternity with our finiteness.
 - c. God didn't say to Moses, He is saying to Moses
 - d. God won't come, He is

e. Time-Line is only for our sake.

f. Eternity= the one complete will of God= Universal

= Forever present

Time, Space, Matter Colossians 1:16-17

f) By the universal experience of cause & effect (every effect must have an adequate cause)

1. The cause of boundless space and endless time must be _____ and _____.

2. The cause of universal power and complex order must be _____ and _____.

3. The commutator of needed knowledge to personal beings must be _____ and _____.

Therefore - God is an infinite, eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, personal, gracious Being.

g) Their "line"= the standard of measure (surveyor's line)

1. The manner in which a person responds to the witness of God in creation measures the very nature of his heart-attitude toward God.

2. Romans 10:13-18 All men have access to the knowledge of God merely through observing His creation

Verse 4c to 6 -

1. In them= space & time or heavens & Day and night

2. His going forth from the _____

3. His Circuit - from "circum" = circle - round

4. Beautiful type of Jesus Christ

a) Light of the World John 8:12

b) The brightness of the Glory of God Hebrews 1:3

c) Rise - picture of new life, 2nd coming, etc.

6. The Written Revelation

Despite the tremendous witness concerning God and His Grace, men everywhere mistake, distort and reject its message.

The testimony is there therefore men are without _____.

The testimony is rejected therefore they are without _____

a) 2 Timothy 3:15

1. Natural revelation _____ - written revelation _____

Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23; Matthew 24:35

b) 18-fold testimony of the nature and power of Scriptures giving titles, qualities and effects.

<u>Titles</u>	<u>Quality</u>	<u>Effect</u>
Law	Perfect	Converts
Testimony	Sure	Makes wise
Statutes	Right	Rejoices
Commandment	Pure	Enlightens
Fear of the Lord	Clean	Endures
Judgements	True/Righteous	To be desired

c) 2 Timothy 3:16-17

7. Introspection - verses 12-14

After meditating on the immensity of creation perfection of the Word the psalmist reflects. And then He realizes his condition in _____ to God.

- a) Error
- b) Secret faults - Job 34:31-32
- c) Presumptuous sins
- d) Slavery to sin

Then he expresses his desires, goals

- e) Be upright
- f) Be innocent of the great transgression

Q. What is the "great transgression"?

A. Rejection of the Word of God (?)

- g) Be accepted in God's eyes

Note verse 14 - Shows the necessary relation between the thoughts of our hearts and the words of our lips - Romans 10:9-10; Colossians 3:16; 1 Peter 3:15