

Makes Me Want to Shout

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Praising God's Mighty Works

Psalm 66:1-9, 16-20

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Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. John Wesley

Unifying Principle:

People marvel at the legacies of those whose powerful influence has changed the world. What is the true measure of might? The psalmist praises the mighty works of God, the Creator of the universe, and Jesus, the Savior of God's people.

Praise offered to God must be expressed heartily.

On Praising God

Psalm 66:1-9

**Praise God's supremacy:** (1-2) This celebration of the Lord's deliverance begins with a fervent call to praise God.

- a. Everyone should shout with joy. (1) The worship leader called upon the people of all the earth to shout joyfully to the Lord. *Make a joyful noise* means to shout loudly and victoriously.
- b. Everyone should honor God's name. (2) The purpose of praise and worship is to glorify God. God's name represents everything that He is: His character, His attributes, His greatness, His works, His worthiness.

**Acknowledge God's awesome power:** (3-7) Everything is possible with God. We should acknowledge God as the source of the wondrous things we see and praise Him for His awesome power.

- a. Power that causes enemies to cringe and submit before Him. (3) *Terrible works* are deeds that cause us to stand in awe of God.
- b. Power that stirs people to worship and praise Him. (4)
- c. Power that performs awesome works for people. (5-6) As they walked across the dry bed of the great sea, they triumphed in the all-surpassing power of their unrivalled God.
- d. Power that rules forever over the nations. (7)

**Rejoice in God's protection.** (8-9) (8) They had survived a serious threat to their freedom and to their very existence, but only by God's power. Appropriately, they praised God for His supernatural protection.

- a. He faithfully sustains us. (9)
- b. He keeps us from slipping and losing our way.

Praising God's Greatness

Psalms 66:16-20

- a. **A renewed commitment to bear a stronger witness for God:** Invite all who fear God to listen to your testimony. (16)
  - 1) How you cried out and praised God. (17)
  - 2) How you repented of your sin to ensure that the Lord would listen. (18) The psalmist had also examined his heart for sin. He desperately needed God's help.
  - 3) How God heard your cry for help. (19)
- b. **A renewed commitment to praise God:** Because He has not ignored your prayer or withdrawn His love from you. (20)

Principle: A true worshiper comes to God in humility, recognizing the majesty of God, offers praise to his name.

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