

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 30: 4-7; 11-12

New International Version

Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

The Message

All you saints! Sing your hearts out to God! Thank him to his face! He gets angry once in a while, but across a lifetime there is only love. The nights of crying your eyes out give way to days of laughter. When things were going great I crowed, "I've got it made. I'm God's favorite. He made me king of the mountain." Then you looked the other way and I fell to pieces. You did it: you changed wild lament into whirling dance; You ripped off my black mourning band and decked me with wildflowers. I'm about to burst with song; I can't keep quiet about you. God, my God, I can't thank you enough.

God's children are called to praise and honor him; the first and the second of the ten commandments tell us to worship God only - to have no other gods or anything else that we worship, but praise or honor as God.

The same commandment tells us that God is jealous; he is angry when we have other gods and don't worship him as God; so angry, that he punishes those who do not obey his commandment. Yet to those who worship him, who love him and keep his commandments, God will love them and keep them. And though the lives of the righteous, or those who keep the commandments, are not without difficulty and hardship, God will sustain them as he did the Hebrews who traveled from slavery in Egypt.

Yes, God is rock who will not be shaken or moved; so too, his power enables us to be *steady and ready*, unmoved by bad news or difficulty. Pray that God will shine on you and reveal himself through your experiences of life, by his word called the Bible, and through your daily walk and talk with him.

So let us give him praise and thanks! For if God is with us, than who or what can be against (us) of equal power or strength? Nothing, no one, and no other thing!

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