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Talk together about the glory of God's kingdom. —Psalm 145:11
Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. —Joshua 22:5

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Anchored in the Storm
Assurance in the Psalms
God of the Storm
(3 of 8)

Questions for Reflection or Discussion

Observation — What does it say?

Psalm 29 song

In preparation for digging into Psalm 29, take a moment to enjoy this song based on it:



1. Pastor Austin identified three ways God emphasizes his sovereignty: God's voice controls the chaos, God's voice exposes the heart of creation, and God's voice declares "peace!" to those who accept His sovereignty. Read through Psalm 29 and complete the following chart, identifying which issue(s) are emphasized in each verse:

verse number →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
God controls chaos										
God lowers the lofty										
God brings creation into His presence										

2. What does the repeated use of the name "LORD" emphasize in the Psalm?
3. What do the cedars of Lebanon and Mount Sirion illustrate about God's power?
4. How does Psalm 29 end, and what contrast does the sermon draw from its closing verses?

Interpretation — What does it mean?

5. Why does God's control over the storm give believers reason to trust him during difficult circumstances?
6. What is the significance of God giving His people peace after portraying His overwhelming power and judgment?
7. How does Psalm 29 prove that worship is more than singing or attending a church service?

Application — What do I do with this?

8. What situation in your life are you trying to control that you need to entrust to God?
9. How should the blood of Christ change the way we respond to fear, uncertainty, and difficult circumstances?
10. What concrete step should you take this week to "ascribe" to God the glory he deserves? ... glory known to someone else?



Sermon Summary

In Psalm 29, David brings us through a picture of a storm, reminding us of God's presence in the storm. Like Jonah when he thought he could run away, all of us find ourselves swept up by God — whether in judgment or for our salvation. What we see throughout this Psalm is God's sovereignty over it all. None can run away from Him and all of creation will one day cry "glory" before His throne.

God's voice controls the chaos (Psalm 29:3-9).

What the writer of this Psalm identifies is that there is **One** controlling the storm. The reverberations of repetition of the Lord's name are the praise of creation for the One who controls it. As we see and hear these things that, to us, seem uncontrollable, they are a reminder of the God who can control it. The words used in this story point us backward and forward in Scripture. As we look back, they remind us of the Spirit of God "hovering" over the waters of creation, revealing that it was the Lord who formed the earth by His mighty voice from the beginning of creation. As we look forward, they remind us of Jesus. In the midst of a storm that had the disciples worried for their lives, Jesus SPEAKS and the storm calms.

Even with all of our technology and scientific research ... we don't understand how lightning happens! Our explanation is found in v. 4. His glory is seen in His authority over the storm. When God speaks, all of creation listens. This is why we can trust His promises - because we know His power. We can have calm in the midst of chaos because we know the One in control (1 Peter 5:6-7). In order for us to cast our cares onto Him, we first have to recognize our inability to control things.

God's voice exposes the heart of creation (29:5-6).

As this storm moves from the water onto dry land, it starts to impact the mountains and the trees on them. Verse 5 identifies a specific type of tree that the voice of God breaks — cedar trees. But not only does He lower the tall trees, He moves the high mountains. In Isaiah 2:12-17, we see this same imagery as a picture of those who think of themselves in high and lofty terms, who allow their pride to get the best of them and believe they can resist the will of God. Jesus gave practical advice on this in Luke 14:12-14. We find no reason to make our own names great. In fact, it is far greater (as Jesus says) when someone else calls us to the end of the table rather than us doing it ourselves.

In verses 7-9, the glory of God is literally "unsettling 'all of creation'" as it prepares for His presence. In the presence of God, there is nothing that creation can hide. It is totally exposed before Him. It reminds us that all of us will have our sins laid bare before God's judgment; there is nothing we can hide from Him (Heb. 4:13; Luke 12:2-3). In the presence of God, we have no excuses, no lies we can tell, no good deeds to prove ourselves... Before God's presence there is only one thing we can say, "Glory!" Verses 1-2 are a call to worship God in His glorious presence. In "ascribing" these things to Him, we are not only giving Him what is already His, but also what He deserves.

God's voice declares "peace!" to those who accept His sovereignty (29:10-11).

In the same way as the rainbow represented peace after the flood for Noah, this Psalm acts like a rainbow arch — beginning with the heavens opened on God's throne room, and closing with God's people receiving His peace and blessing after His judgment.

The Gospel calls believers to respond to God's grace in Christ through worship.

In Christ we have a spiritual tabernacle, those who believe in God are "indwelt" with God's Spirit (Heb. 9:11-14). We have peace before God because of the work of Christ that makes us clean before the Father. And more than that, we also have His Spirit that lives in us so that we can serve God in our lives.

Our response to God's glory should be that we are the light of the world that can't be hidden, but shines before others so that they may see our good works and give their own GLORY to our Father in heaven.

Digging Deeper in Your Daily Quiet Time

Monday - Worship the Lord in His Glory

Read Psalm 29, but then focus on v. 1–2

- When you worship God, are you primarily focused on your own feelings and needs, or on who God is? Explain.
- What is one practical way you can give God the honor He deserves this week?

Prayer: Praise God for His glory, strength, and holiness. Ask Him to deepen your reverence and gratitude in worship.

Tuesday - Hear the Power of God's Voice

Read Psalm 29, but then focus on v. 3–4

- When have you been reminded of God's greatness through something in creation?
- In what area of your life do you need to take God's Word more seriously? What would that look like in practice?

Prayer: Thank God that His voice is powerful and authoritative. Ask for a heart that listens attentively and responds obediently to His Word.

Wednesday - The Lord Rules Over Creation

Read Psalm 29, but then focus on v. 5–7

- What are some things in which people today place excessive confidence instead of trusting God?
- Where are you tempted to rely on your own strength rather than acknowledge your dependence on the Lord?

Prayer: Confess any misplaced confidence. Thank God that no created power exceeds His authority, and ask Him to help you depend on Him.

Thursday - The Lord Is Sovereign Over the Nations

Read Psalm 29, but then focus on v. 8–9

- What current circumstance makes it difficult for you to remember that God remains sovereign?
- How can you respond with worship rather than fear when facing circumstances beyond your control?

Prayer: Pray for confidence in God's sovereignty over the world and its nations. Ask Him to replace anxious speculation with reverent trust.

Friday - The Lord Enthroned as King Forever

Read Psalm 29, but then focus on v. 10

- What present concern becomes easier to view rightly when you remember that God reigns forever?
- How should the Lord's kingship affect your attitude toward earthly authorities and the future?

Prayer: Praise God for His eternal reign. Ask Him to help you live faithfully and confidently, regardless of changing circumstances.

Saturday - The King Who Gives Strength and Peace

Read Psalm 29, but then focus on v. 11

- Where do you currently need God's strength to persevere faithfully?
- What is one practical step you can take to pursue peace while trusting the Lord with a difficult situation?
- How might remembering both God's overwhelming power and His care for His people change the way you approach prayer?

Prayer: Thank God that His power is not distant or impersonal. Ask Him for strength to persevere and for the peace that comes from trusting His rule.