



Main point: Behold the glory of the Lord and give him praise

- (1) Worship the Lord (in light of His Glory)
- (2) Behold his glory (in the thunderstorm)
- (3) Trust in his strength (in your weakness)

#1:

“Of course, even apart from the malaise of biblical illiteracy, there are special reasons for neglect of the psalms. The language of poetry doesn’t easily connect in a sound-byte culture. The psalms call for time, not tweets – time to read, ponder, pray, digest. It’s easy to be too busy for the psalms. Then again, the strong emotions of the psalms make many modern people uncomfortable – which is ironic since our culture seems to feed on feelings...On top of everything else, strange to say, the psalms are just so...well...God intoxicated. We are fascinated with ourselves, the psalms are fascinated with God.”

Richard Wells
Forgotten Songs

#2:

“God’s exaltation of God aims at our exultation in God...The Bible is explicit in affirming that the aim of all God’s acts is that we might praise and worship him for his supreme worth and beauty.”

John Piper
Reading the Bible Supernaturally: Seeing and Savoring the Glory of God in Scripture

#3:

Isaiah 6:3

And one called to another and said:
“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

#4:

“The glory of God is the holiness of God put on display. When God’s holiness shines into creation, it is called ‘God’s glory.’”

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#5:

“Just as the eight Psalm is to be read by moonlight, when the stars are bright, as the nineteenth needs the rays of the rising sun to bring out its beauty, so this (Psalm 29) can be best rehearsed beneath the black wing of tempest, by the glare of the lightning...The verses march to the tune of thunderbolts.”

Charles Spurgeon
The Treasury of David



#6:

“God, it is true, speaks in all his creatures, but here the prophet mentions those sounds which rouse us from our drowsiness, or rather our lethargy, by the loudness of their noise...The very figures which David uses sufficiently declare, that his design was to subdue by fear the obstinacy which yields not willingly otherwise.”

John Calvin
Commentary on the Psalms

#7:

“Though they possess genius and learning, they employ enchantments to shut their ears against God’s voice, however powerful, lest it should reach their hearts. Philosophers think not that they have reasoned skillfully enough about inferior causes, unless they separate God very far from his works. It is a diabolical science, however, which fixes our contemplations on the works of nature, and turns them away from God.”

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