

A Wealthy Place

Psalm 66 (King James Version)

1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: 2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious. 3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. 4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah. 5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. 6 He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. 7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah. 8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: 9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. 10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. 11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. 12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. 13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble. 15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah. 16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. 17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. 18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: 19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Let us turn to the 66th Psalm. Now we know that there are a total of 66 books in the canonized bible of which there are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. Many theologians feel that this particular Psalm shares with us the totality or in many cases the whole of the Word.

In today's didactic message, we will begin in verse 13, work our way through verse 20, then we will start at verse 1, and conclude at verse 12. How many of us know that the Lord will lead you into a wealthy place? I mean, the Lord will pick you up when you're down. He'll make a way out of No Way. He will be your peace in the midst of the storm. He'll be your strong tower. He'll be your friend. He'll be your mother. He'll be your father. Can I get a witness that the Lord is your everything? I just came to remind you this morning that He'll bring you out into **A Wealthy Place**. Hallelujah...

In verse 13 the Psalmist says: **13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,** The Psalmist brings an offering before the Lord. In fact, in the Old Testament setting, the people would come before the Lord with an offering, which was a part of their worship. In cases where individuals didn't have much, they would bring turtledoves.

14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

The Psalmist acknowledges that they have made some promises of vows to the Lord. Now is an opportunity to examine ourselves, because there isn't one of us that hasn't told the lord at one time or another "Lord if you get me out of this situation or if you fix this or heal that, then I'm going to give my life to Christ." Like Jonah, in Jonah 2:9, the back slidden preacher has made some vows to God. So he says "But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah. Again, please understand that this person is a person of means.

They have accumulated some wealth because when many would sacrifice a couple of turtledoves; this person provides a large offering unto the Lord. They sacrifice some rams, some bulls, then they add in some goats. This is a tremendous sacrifice.

16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

Anybody have a testimony of God's goodness? The psalmist say "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. Our soul doesn't have to sit back and wonder "How we made it over."

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

The blessing of praising God in the morning, noonday, and in the midnight hour. As we reflect back over our lives we can testify of the goodness of the Lord. How do you praise God in the midst of joy, pain, and in life? O' magnify the lord with me. Let us exalt His name together. God deserves our praise. He deserves the praise of His people.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Ut....Ohhh. I've got to have my heart right. Even though I sent my offering; I can't pay God off. I must understand that my prayer can't get through if I've got iniquity (sin) in my heart. Thank God for His forgiving power, which we need daily.

19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Answered Prayer is a Blessing to humanity. The Psalmist acknowledges God's grace and mercy knowing that God has answered his prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

God took time to pour out His mercy and attends to the Psalmists prayer. Isn't it a Blessing to pray and to know that God answers prayers? If it had not been for the Lord on our side, where would be? How have you seen the Lord show up and answer your prayers? We're you sick and He healed you? Were you depressed and he lifted you up? Were you lonely and the Lord comforted you? Has He answered your prayers?

1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

Psalm 100:2 teaches us to serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Ps 100:4 teach us to enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

² Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

I'm so glad you don't have to sing like Whitney Houston or Donnie Hathaway. You can come as you are and make a joyful noise and make His praise glorious.

³ Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

The word terrible means awesome. We serve an awesome God. They say that the folks that are against our God don't know who they're fighting against. They're fighting against a God that they can't beat. "Young Man your arms are too short to box with God." The Children of Israel overcame the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Jebusites, the Hittites, and the nation round about. Through the greatness of God's power, your enemies will give up.

⁴ All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

All the earth conveys to us that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the father. (Phil. 2:10-11) People may be worshipping many so-called deities now, but before it's all over, they will worship our Jesus. Hallelujah, Amen.

⁵ Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

Have you witnessed God's miracle working power? Have you felt the hand of the lord blessing in your life? The Psalmist has a testimony and says to the waiting thrones "Come and see what God is doing!" If you enjoy the preaching; it's God's doing. If you like the teaching; it's God's doing. If you like the singing; it's God's doing. If you enjoy the worship experience; it's God's doing. O' my goodness if you woke up this morning; it's God's doing. Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in his doing towards us.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

Remember in Exodus Chapter 14:29-31, the miracle working power of God and how He tuned the sea into dry land. The scripture teaches that the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus, the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses. Have you ever found yourself at a crossroad and God delivered you? How did it feel? How did you feel about God? What changed in your relationship with God?

⁷ He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

Somebody may have said something to you and hemmed you up in a corner, but I want you to know that God saw it.

⁸ O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Anybody feel like making the voice of his praise to be heard? Have you ever been driving down the highway and a car is heading straight for you but somehow, God allows the other vehicle to swiftly turn to the side, preventing a collision? You need to safely pull over to the side. Take your shoes off and make the voice of His praise to be heard. You ought to say "Thank You". Hallelujah...

⁹ Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

This verse helps us understand the value of life itself. Which means that if you don't have anything else to praise the Lord about; Praise Him simply because He kept you alive. Beloved, there are some folks who are suffering. There are folks who are sick. There are folks that are rich, but their money won't stop the pain. I'd just like to remind you that if you got life in your body and you're not in somebody's hospital or somebody's morgue; you ought to stand up and praise God for keeping you alive.

¹⁰ For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

God sits as a great sifter, and he turns up the heat and he skims off the impurities. When God finishes shaping us and fashioning us, He can see the reflection of his own face.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

In Romans 5:3-5 we learn that we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. My brothers and sisters All things are working for our good.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

Isaiah 43:2 says "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Anybody know that God will be right there with you in the midst of the trials. Well, I want you to know today that He will bring you out into a Wealthy Place.

Has God been your Friend? Has he made a way out of no way? Is he your Jehovah Jireh? He'll bring you through the storm and deliver you into a wealthy place. Like Campbell's soup, the Lord is Good. David saw it in the 23rd Psalm. He said "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies, Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely, Goodness and Mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. He'll bring you out into a wealthy place. Say Yes. Say Yes. Say Yes. I see a landing strip. I'm on my way in now. I've got to close. (Yes, Yes, Yes Lord.)

Beloved, the Lord will lead you into a wealthy place. If you've fallen; repent and come back into the ark of safety. If you're in a back-slidden condition, return unto the Lord and He will return unto you. If you have not yet accepted Christ as your lord and savior; He's available to you today. According to Romans 10:9 Confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God hath raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Beloved, there is a song that the choir sings called "Yes Lord". Yes Lord, from the bottom of my heart to the depts of my soul. Yes Lord; Completely Yours; My Soul says Yes. I Love You; I Really Do. My Soul says Yes. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Amen.