

## **Psalm 28 New American Standard Bible**

**A Prayer for Help, and Praise for Its Answer.**

### **A Psalm of David.**

To You, O Lord, I call;

My rock, do not be deaf to me,

For if You are silent to me,

I will become like those who go down to the pit.

<sup>2</sup> Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You for help,

When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

<sup>3</sup> Do not drag me away with the wicked

And with those who work iniquity,

Who speak peace with their neighbors,

While evil is in their hearts.

<sup>4</sup> Requite them according to their work and according to the evil of their practices;

Requite them according to the deeds of their hands;

Repay them their recompense.

<sup>5</sup> Because they do not regard the works of the Lord

Nor the deeds of His hands,

He will tear them down and not build them up.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord,

Because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord is my strength and my shield;

My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped;

Therefore my heart exults,

And with my song I shall thank Him.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is their strength,

And He is a saving defense to His anointed.

<sup>9</sup> Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;

Be their shepherd also, and carry them forever.

### **Holy Array**

A phrase used four times in the ASV and RSV OT, but in each case the KJV has BEAUTY OF HOLINESS (1 Chron 16:29; 2 Chron 20:21; Pss 29:2; 96:9). It was used always in connection with the public worship of Jehovah and seemed to mean that in such worship it was necessary that the priests dress in proper attire. For such an occasion only dress that would honor Jehovah would be suitable; anything else would dishonor Him. Some have suggested that it is Jehovah who is in holy array, or clothed with the beauty of holiness, not the worshipers.

## **We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions**

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

## **Paul's Questions and incites**

1. Ascribe means to associate with or point towards, to consider equality to someone, in David's case to God.
2. David is saying God is something.
3. This declaration has an important part to play in the worship of God for us all, because declarations affirm God's attributes, it declares His qualities.
4. To do so is to help us focus on God and each declaration affirms in us the truth about God.
5. Who are the sons of the mighty?
6. So David is saying the Lord God is glorious and strong.
7. What is the glory God is due from the sons of the mighty?
8. Why is the Lord's name important and why should we give it honour?
9. What does it mean to you to worship?
10. How do you worship God in Holy array?
11. What does it mean that God's voice is upon the waters?
12. The Lord is known as the God of glory who is over many waters.
13. David declares the voice of the Lord is powerful. How would David know this?
14. To say that the Lord God is majestic is to advocate that He is a King.
15. God's voice is powerful enough to break trees.
16. How can Lebanon skip like a calf?
17. How does a calf skip?
18. Why does David describe God's voice in such powerful imagery?
19. God's voice is proactive in nature – is David referring to creation?
20. Why do the precious things in the temple say 'glory'?
21. David makes reference to the flood and how God sat as King and watched it happen?
22. God's eternal reality is forever.
23. God promises strength to His people.
24. What is peace to God's people?
25. How does God's blessing work itself out in your life?