

Psalm 66 Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and for His Answer to Prayer.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; 2 Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious.

3 Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will pretend to obey You.

4 All the earth will worship You And will sing praises to You; They will sing praises to Your name." Selah

5 Come and see the works of God, who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of mankind.

6 He turned the sea into dry land;

They passed through the river on foot; Let's rejoice there, in Him!

7 He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; The rebellious shall not exalt themselves! Selah

8 Bless our God, you peoples, and sound His praise abroad,

9 Who]keeps us in life and does not allow our feet to slip. 10 For You have put us to the test, God;

You have refined us as silver is refined. 11 You brought us into the net; You laid an oppressive burden upon us.

12 You made men ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water. Yet You brought us out into a place of abundance. 13 I shall come into Your house with burnt offerings;

I shall pay You my vows, 14 Which my lips uttered, and my mouth spoke when I was in distress.

15 I shall offer to You burnt offerings of fat animals, With the smoke of rams; I shall make an offering of bulls with male goats. Selah 16 Come and hear, all who [f]ear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul.

17 I cried to Him with my mouth, and He was exalted with my tongue. 18 If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear; 19 But God has heard; He has given attention to the sound of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer Nor His favour from me.

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 Observations and insights

1. When we shout out it appears to be offensive - what do you think?
2. Every expression of life on the earth is celebrating its own existence!
3. What is it to sing the glory of God's name?
4. How do we make our praise to God glorious?
5. David helps us understand what he means by giving us an example, he says, 'Say to God'.
6. Tell God what an awesome blessing His works are to you.
7. How powerful is God?
8. Who are God's enemies?
9. How does a person pretend to obey God?
10. Worship is to give God your undistracted and unrestrained adoration.
11. To sing praise to God is to give your spirit, an opportunity, to express your love for God.
12. Praise to God's name is to celebrate God's attributes.
13. Selah is to be still and take a moment of time to contemplate.
14. Where do we need to go to see God's workmanship?
15. The best God had to give He gave to humanity, so we would have an opportunity to be saved.
16. At the beginning of creation, He created dry land for us as a place to live.
17. He saved Israel from Egypt by providing a way across the sea.
18. 'To rejoice there', is to remember what He did.
19. God's power and might is forever without limits or end.
20. The 'watching eyes of God on the nations', is comforting
21. God is storing up facts to use at the judgement.
22. Although the rebellious seem they have the best deal, it will all come tumbling down.
23. Dave has no hesitation in inviting Israel to bring God a blessing with their voice.
24. To 'sound His praise', is to use instruments to assist in worshiping almighty God.
25. For 'God to keep you', is for Him to watch over you throughout your life.
26. If we trust God, He becomes our intervention in difficult times.
27. How might God test you?
28. To be 'refined as silver', is to go into the crucible.

29. His 'net' rescues us from all our enemies.
30. Why did David think it was God, who laid an oppressive burden upon God's people?
31. Was it God who let Israel's enemy rule over them?
32. Fire and water are for purification.
33. God brings us all into His most amazing blessings after the refining.
34. Coming to church empty handed, is like going to a party without a present!
35. The tithe is the vows that we bring into Gods house
36. The promised vow you have made to God to support His church.
37. If you do this God, I will do that - pay my vow.
38. Sacrifice in worship is essential.
39. Bulls and goats covered the sin committed by Israel
40. Why is it important to fear God?
41. David has been brought back to a childlike innocence in his soul.
42. He knows God is on his side.
43. Who do you call on in times of great trouble?
44. David spoke Words of appreciation to God.
45. To regard wickedness in your heart, is to let sin actively live in your life.
46. The unrighteous pray without expectation.
47. For God to hear your prayer is to get God's attention.
48. If God is blessed you will be blessed also!
49. The prayer God turns away is the prayer without God's approval.
50. If we lose Gods favour, we become vulnerable