

The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation. **Psalm 18:46**

Store In My Heart

Psalm 8:1

O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

The book of Psalms is filled with praise and devotion to God. David is not the only writer of Psalms. Some of these Psalms are hymns sung by the Jews as they travelled to Jerusalem to the annual feasts. Others, like Psalm 119, are odes to God or His Word. Some seem to be prayers offered at various times of trouble or joy.

Many Psalms have been 'put to music' so that we can sing them in our worship to God. These help keep our focus on God and His Word in our lives.

Use the Psalms to help your prayer and praise and to lift you up when sorrow weighs you down. This will help us keep the Word in our heart and focus on God as we go about our lives each day.



Lessons From A Storm

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September 2004 will long be remembered as the month of the storms. As a native of Florida, I can never remember so much in one small window of time coming upon us in such an overwhelming way. There are many, many people who have been devastated by the storms. Sadly, some have lost their lives. The cost of destruction is without number. This has been a very difficult month.

The value of our character is trying to find worth out of the misery and heartache that surrounds us. Living without the comforts of our daily life makes it hard to endure these troubles. While there has been much monetary loss and ruin, thousands can be thankful for the sparing of lives. Numerous people who stood before their homes demolished by the terrible storms are thankful for their own safety and lives. Storms remind us how frail we are as people. These storms remind us that no matter how advanced we can be as a civilization, God is still in control.

The book of Job is a wonderful declaration of how puny man is and how great God is. Chapter **38** is a vivid picture of the breathtaking power of God and the measure of man as only dust on the scale. The Lord answers Job out of the whirlwind (can you imagine how awesome and fearful it would have been for Job to listen to the Lord from a whirlwind?), *"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"*

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For Our Information

Betty Ragsdale is doing some better with her knee/ankle.

Joyce Venable was not feeling well last week.

Brenda Keisler has bursitis in her hip.

Ruben Keisler gets his permanent port on Friday.

JoBeth Henderson has an appointment with her facial Dr Tuesday.

Tonight we start our study in 1Samuel 13 at 5 pm.

Wednesday at 7 pm we begin Galatians.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

Throughout the chapter and into chapter **39**, God declares His might and His power and His knowledge and finally challenges Job in **40:2**, *"Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it."* The September storms remind us who can *"bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion."* (**38:31**)

We depend so heavily upon electricity that we can barely survive without it. Every part of our life is measured by the flow of electric power. When we lose our power, we can barely do anything. We are helpless! Have we considered how important and necessary electricity is to our daily living in contrast to how important and necessary God is in our daily life? If we depended on God as much as we depend on electric power, what great things we could do in our lives. The difference between the Lord and electricity is that He will never fail us. The Hebrew writer puts this in perspective. *"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never fail you nor forsake you.' Hence we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?'"* (**Hebrews 13:5-6**)

When all is said and done, life is more important than our material things. Life is not about the here and now but about the eternal spirit that will live on after death. The forces of nature are reminders that man is not in charge of the world - Jehovah God is! We will be inconvenienced for a moment and a time because of these storms. What will it profit us to gain the whole world and not give consideration to the higher reason we dwell upon the earth (**Mark 8:36**)? Our lives are but vapors that appear for a little while and then vanish away (**James 4:14**).

The wise man shows how important lessons can be gleaned from nature (**Proverbs 6:6-11; 30:24-31**). We should not let the storms of September fail to remind us and reprove us of our place before the Almighty. It is a wonderful blessing to have such an awesome God. He cares for us and understands our needs. If we trust in Him and His care, great peace will be found in the midst of our storms.

(Though the article references long past storms, the points made are valid for any "storm" we might encounter. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!