



The Life of David

Psalm 68

The God of Sinai and of the Sanctuary



...his righteousness, and shall
a people that shall be born, that
he hath done *this*.

PSALM 23
A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures: he leadeth
me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.



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Numbers 10:33–35 ³³Thus they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD journeying in front of them for the three days, to seek out a resting place for them. ³⁴The cloud of the LORD was over them by day when they set out from the camp. ³⁵Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said, **"Rise up, O LORD! And let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You."**

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- Exod 34:6** ...The LORD, the LORD God, **compassionate** and **gracious**, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth
- 2 Chron 30:9** ...For the LORD your God is **gracious** and **compassionate**, and will not turn His face away from you if you return to Him.
- Neh 9:17** ...You are a God of forgiveness, **Gracious** and **compassionate**, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness...
- Neh 9:31** ...You are a **gracious** and **compassionate** God.
- Ps 103:8** The LORD is **compassionate** and **gracious**, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.
- Ps 111:4** ...The LORD is **gracious** and **compassionate**.
- Ps 112:4** Light arises in the darkness for the upright; He is **gracious** and **compassionate** and righteous.
- Ps 116:5** **Gracious** is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is **compassionate**.
- Joel 2:13** ...He is **gracious** and **compassionate**, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness...
- Jonah 4:2** ...You are a **gracious** and **compassionate** God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness...

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1 Samuel 18:6–7 ⁶It happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments. ⁷The women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."

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Ephesians 4:8–11 ⁸Therefore it says, “**WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.**” ⁹(Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) ¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

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Isaiah 2:2–5 ²Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. ³And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war. ⁵Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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Philippians 2:9–11 ⁹For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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- Sing praise every nation to God and ascribe to Him strength, majesty, and power (vv32-35)

Closing Reflections

- God is highly to be praised and worshipped
- When God is seated in His rightful place, He is rightly exalted, and His people receive abundant care and blessing
 - *Does God occupy His rightful place in the sanctuary of your heart?*
- David was deeply passionate and motivated to properly exalt the Lord
 - *Is your heart passionate about worshipping and exalting the Lord?*