

Psalm 105

I hope that the past two weeks have been uplifting and encouraging to you even as they serve as marvelous reminders of our responsibility and joy in serving and worshiping the one true God. There are countless reasons to give God glory and today's passage is another example of cause to praise the Lord. This particular chapter is focused on God's character. Specifically, the chapter focuses on His faithfulness to keep His promises. My prayer is that we will see that God's fidelity to His Word provides ample reason to praise His holy name.

1. The command
 - a. Notice here again the way the Psalm begins
 - b. We know immediately how God desires for us to respond to the truth He has provided when we read this exhortation, "give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!"
 - c. We are obedient only as we walk in this command and the rest of the Psalm is going to provide one truth that would lead us to respond in this manner
2. The truth
 - a. Verse 8 is incredibly important to understanding Psalm 105 as it tells us that God "remembers His covenant forever..."
 - b. The reason given to praise God is His remembrance of His covenant
 - c. Two things matter here
 - i. First, note that God is a covenant making God
 1. The way that the Lord relates to His people is always through a covenant
 - a. Adam and Eve were given a covenant
 - b. Noah was given a covenant
 - c. Abraham, and his descendants, were given a covenant
 - d. Moses was given a covenant
 - e. David was given a covenant
 - f. And we live underneath the new covenant
 2. In all these covenants, there are promised blessings and commands which are provided to the receiving party by God
 3. Covenants are full of marvelous promises and informed by commands that give structure to our lives
 4. All of the salvific blessings of God flow to us through His covenants
 - a. How do we know that we have eternal life today? Through the New Covenant!
 - b. How do we know that we are forgiven? Through the Covenant of Christ's shed blood for the remission of our sins
 - ii. Second, note that God is a covenant keeping God
 1. The Bible says here that God "remembers"

- a. This is more than a faint recollection, this type of remembrance encompasses a memory that dictates future actions
- b. God remembers His Word in all that He does
- c. His promises to us inform His actions towards us moving forward

3. The Proof

- a. Now, all this sounds nice but what evidence did God's people have to believe?
 - i. The answer is that God had proven His faithfulness to keep His covenant in history
 - ii. Look at the overall flow of the text:
 - 1. V. 12-15 God watched over His people as they were small in number
 - 2. V. 16-23 God brought Abraham's descendants to Egypt for their preservation
 - 3. V. 24-38 God brought His people out of Egypt
 - 4. V. 39-41 God provided for His people in the desert
 - 5. V. 42-45 God gave Israel the Promised Land as He... promised!
 - iii. In all these things, God had proven faithful to His covenantal promises
 - 1. V. 12-15 God's watching over His people was necessary in order to preserve and multiply people as He had promised Abraham
 - 2. V. 16-23 God provided for Israel to survive as was necessary if He were to keep His promises
 - 3. V. 24-38 God saved His people from a tyrannical Pharaoh in order to give them the land and freedom He had guaranteed
 - 4. V. 39-41 God accounted for the needs of His people, even after their rebellion in order to get them from point a to point b
 - 5. V. 42-45 God delivered on His promises

4. The Point

- a. Our God has proven to be a faithful, covenant keeping God
- b. This matters because He has made a covenant with us as well
- c. The covenant is simple: He has provided an atonement for sin, offering us the remission of our guilt and adoption into His family for eternity on the terms that we would repent of our sin and believe in the sacrifice offered on our behalf by Christ
- d. God's history proves that He will overcome every obstacle to preserve His people (think the floodwaters and Noah, childlessness and Abraham, Pharaoh and Noah, Goliath and David, etc.) and that past indication is reason for us to rejoice and trust in His future provision