

“The Praise of God by All”

Text: Psalm 66

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A. The Praise of God by all the earth

1. For His glorious name

Ps. 66:2 & 4, Ps. 138:1-2, Phil. 2:9-10

2. For His awesome power

Ps. 66:3, 5-7, Matt. 28:5-10

B. The Praise of God by all His People

1. For His keeping power

Ps. 66:8-9, 1 Cor. 1:7-9, Jude 24-25

2. For His purifying work

Ps. 66:10-12, Heb. 12:7-11

3. For His certain deliverance

Ps. 66:12, 1 Peter 5:10-11

C. The Praise of God by individual believers

1. By keeping our word

Psalm 66:13b-14, Col. 1:7-8

2. By hating sin

Psalm 66:18-19, Ezek. 39:23-29

3. For the privilege of communion with Him

Ps. 66:19-20, James 4:8-10

4. For the experience of unwavering love

Ps. 66:20, 1 John 17:26

JOHN CALVIN: "Besides, to regard iniquity in the heart, does not mean to be conscious of sin, for all of the Lord's people must see their sins and be grieved for them, and this is rather praiseworthy than condemnable; but to be bent upon the practice of iniquity. He particularly refers to the heart, intimating that not only were his hands clean, in the sense of his being innocent before men, but that he could appeal to God in proof of his inward integrity. When the heart does not correspond to the outward conduct, and harbors any secret evil intent, the fair exterior appearance may deceive men; but it is an abomination in the sight of God. The Psalmist affirms with emphasis, that his prayers had been answered, and we ought to draw the inference that we shall never be disappointed, if we seek God in sincerity.