

I. The Glory of God (vv 1, 3-7, 19-23, 31).**A. God is worthy to be praised**

- 1) By all persons (v 3)
 - a) Those who are in lofty positions
 - b) Those who are in common and lowly stations
- 2) Seven causes for such praise
 - a) For His work of salvation (v 1)
 - b) For His attributes — Particularly, his power and authority
 - c) For His deliverances of the Church in history
 - d) For the destruction of the Church's enemies in history
 - e) For the widespread advancing of the Gospel (v 31)
 - f) By doing this by a sudden work in the midst of great evil, lest any man be given the glory (v 7)
 - g) For the assurance of these eschatologically and not only temporally (v 31)
- 3) The nature of this glory as intrinsic and eternal.

B. The glory of God in the images of His strength and power

- 1) The Earthly figures employed (vv 4-5; Psa 29:7-8; Dan 2:35; Heb 12:28)
- 2) The Ethereal figures employed (vv 4, 20; Psa 29:10, 91:11; 2 Kgs 6:16-17; Eph 6:12)
- 3) The Echoes of the Exodus (vv 5, 21)

C. The glory of God in the images of His authority

- 1) This is one of the great distinctions between paganism and Christianity.
- 2) Jehovah is the true martial king of war (v 4; Ex 15:3)

- 3) Christ is the cursing king on high (v 23)

D. Uses from the Text

- 1) Is this your view of God?
- 2) This is to inform our singing and prayer.
- 3) This is to inform our fear of the Lord.
- 4) This is to inform our faith in Christ.

II. The Glory of Israel (vv 2, 8-18, 24-30).**A. Whence comes this glory of the Church?****B. We must first recognize that there is a winnowing of the Invisible Church from the Visible Church in the calling out and confession of sin**

- 1) The presence of sin (vv 8, 15-16, 17)
- 2) The punishments of sin (v 8)

C. The glory of Israel

- 1) In God's remembering the righteousness of His people, and not their sin (vv 2, 13-15, 18; Psa 103:10-12)
- 2) In the glorious overturning of the wicked (vv 28-30)

D. The eschatological glory of the Church

- 1) In the imagery of Israel coming down (vv 11, 13-14; Rev 21:2)
- 2) In the imagery of Sisera falling down (v 27; Rev 21:7-8)

E. Uses from the Text (vv 10-11)

- 1) Is this your view of the Church? (Song of Songs 6:10)
- 2) We are to recount God's works of victory to one another
- 3) We are to faithfully march on by faith as the army of the living God