

Theme that week: **True Worship that Liberates**

Bible Portion that day: **Psalms 29**

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his^[a] holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion^[b] like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes
with flashes of lightning.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks^[c]
and strips the forests bare.
- And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
- ¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

True worship that liberates for us should mean the presence of mind that we worship the one true Creator. It seems to be the general view of modern theologians, that this Psalm is meant to express the glory of God as heard in the booming thunder, and seen elsewhere in nature.

The verses above march to the tune of thunderbolts. God is everywhere visible, and all the earth is silent and yet speaks to the majesty of his presence. The word of God in the law and gospel is here also described in its majesty of power. True ministers are sons of thunder, and the voice of God in Christ Jesus is full of majesty. Thus we have God's works and God's word joined together: let no man put them apart by a false idea that theology and science can by any possibility oppose each other.

As Christians we are called to give an answer for our beliefs. We have a tremendous author and his creation for reference. In whatever field we choose to pursue, our orientation should be as that of the Master playwright of this majestic creation.