

## ***Sermon Outline***

### **“The Voice of the Lord”**

**Psalm 29 – Braden Greer – January 2, 2011**

#### **The Proper Response to the Voice of the Lord (verses 1-2)**

1. David witnesses a violent storm and sees Yahweh as the God behind it. He details the power of the voice of the Lord as it rips through trees and makes mountains skip like young animals. After all this, he sits down to pen this Psalm. And where does he begin? He begins with worship and praise.
  - a. David calls upon the heavenly beings that surround the throne of God singing praises to ascribe (i.e., to attribute) to God the glory and power due his name!
2. David’s worship and praise sets for us an example of glorifying God. Why?
  - a. David felt a unique sense of responsibility that God be praised rightly.
  - b. This is a high point in David’s life ... a moment where he sees God and his character clearly.
  - c. David is the great ancestor of another King, Jesus Christ, who understood the glory of God and pursued it passionately.
  - d. For those who have been forgiven by Christ, the Holy Spirit indwells us, enabling us to passionately seek to glorify Jesus Christ.

#### **The Power of the Voice of the Lord (verses 3-9)**

1. In verses 3-9, David paints a vivid picture of a violent storm that shakes the earth with torrents of rain, powerful gusts of wind, peals of thunder and flashes of lightning.
2. But David doesn’t just describe what he sees with his eyes. David’s view of nature and everything in the world begins with a firm conviction that there is a Creator and that he continues to be intimately involved with his creation.
  - a. David held a firm belief that there is a God behind each storm—a God full of majesty and power. A God whose voice is like the thunder. A God whose voice is so powerful that mighty trees are felled, and mountains are made to skip like young wild beasts. This God is Yahweh, and he brooks no rivals.

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### **The Product of the Voice of the Lord (verses 10-11)**

1. What is the response of the godly to hearing God's voice in nature? They cry, "Glory!" because they have just witnessed the awesome power of the voice of the Lord.
2. And then in the final verse of the Psalm, David prays a blessing on God's people: strength and peace. How can we have peace in the presence of such an awesome and powerful God?
  - a. We can have peace in God's presence because David's ancestor, Jesus Christ, faced the awful storm of God's wrath. Jesus met the terror of the voice of the Lord in the storm head on. Jesus faced what was in the cup of God's wrath. The awful storm cannot hurt us because Christ absorbed it for us ... that's why David can cry out, "May the LORD give strength and peace to his people!"
  - b. *"There is quietness in the storm for those who belong to the people of God."*  
— William VanGemeren

### **Conclusion**

1. Beyond nature, where else can we hear the voice of the Lord?
  - a. We can hear God's voice individually through the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
  - b. We can hear God's voice through others in the Body of Christ.
  - c. We can hear God's voice through the Scriptures, in private reading, study, meditation and memorization, and through the proclamation of preaching and teaching (see 2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Scriptures are a written record of the voice of God. They carry the same power and majesty and have the ability to bring strength, peace, hope, comfort, truth and change to our lives.

### **Fellowship Starters**

1. After witnessing a violent storm, how did David begin this psalm (see verses 1-2)? How do you typically respond to the "storms" in your life?
2. Why could David see God's hand and voice in and behind the storm (verses 3-9)? In a like manner, how is the sovereign hand of God at work in the trials and sufferings of your life?

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3. David concluded Psalm 29 with the prayer of blessing for peace. How can we experience this blessing of peace in the presence of such a majestic, powerful, holy and awesome God?
4. Braden shared that one of the primary places we can hear God's voice is through Scripture. What is your plan this year to increase your reading, meditation and memorization of God's word?