

## **A The Creator (Psalm 8; 100)**

- ❖ Why is God the Lord of the entire Earth?
  - He already existed before the Earth existed: “you have always existed” (Ps. 93:2 NIV)
  - He will continue to exist when this Earth disappears (Ps. 102:25-27)
  - He is superior to any god of the nations, who are human inventions (Ps. 115:2-4)
  - Creation itself declares the glory of God (Ps. 8:1; 19:1)
  - He has power over nature (Ps. 29:5-8)
  - The world belongs to God, because He created it (Ps. 89:11)
- ❖ Looking around us, we can think that humanity is great, that it has done great feats and wonders. But the psalmist confidently declares: “Know that the Lord is God; He made us, and not we ourselves” (Ps. 100:3).
- ❖ We are mere stewards of what God has created (Ps. 8:5-9). He alone deserves our supreme worship and loyalty.

## **B The King (Psalm 97)**

- ❖ Psalms shows God as a king clothed in honor, majesty and strength (Ps. 93:1), covered with light (Ps. 104:2). According to Psalms, why is God proclaimed King?
  - Because He is Creator (Ps. 149:2)
  - Because He is Savior (Ps. 74:12)
  - Because he establishes the world (Ps. 96:10)
  - Because he is merciful (Ps. 98:3)
  - Because it is right (Ps. 97:2)
  - Because it unites Heaven and Earth in praise (Ps. 148)
- ❖ His followers do delight in his righteous judgments (Ps. 97:8, 12). By faith, God's people rejoice in the establishment of God's Kingdom through the redemptive ministry of Christ and look forward to the consummation of the Kingdom at his second coming (Dan. 2:44).

## **C The Judge (Psalm 75)**

- ❖ As sovereign King, God is also Lawgiver and Judge (Ps. 99:7; 7:11). Psalm 75 vividly describes the work of the Judge and the process and culmination of his judgment:
  - The Judge has appointed a time when he will begin to judge (Ps. 75:2)
  - Judgment will be held and executed before humanity itself destroys the Earth (Ps. 75:3)
  - Before judging each case, God warns and gives opportunity to the wicked to repent (Ps. 75:4-7)
  - At the end of the judgment, God will pour out the plagues of the cup of wrath, full of mixed wine, on the wicked (Ps. 75:8)
  - At that time, there will be a faithful remnant on Earth who will praise God (Ps. 75:9)
  - Finally, all unrepentant sinners will be destroyed forever; and the righteous will live forever (Ps. 75:10)
- ❖ Why, before speaking of judgment, does the psalmist give thanks to God (Ps. 75:1)?

- ❖ For we who trust in the love of God have nothing to fear from judgment ( James 2:13; 1Jn. 2:1).

#### **D The covenant (Psalm 7; 105)**

- ❖ The assurance that God's people have of being acquitted at judgment is based on the covenant that God has made with them (Ps. 105:7-8).
  - He made the covenant with Abraham and Isaac (Ps. 105:9)
  - He ratified it with Jacob, which is Israel (Ps. 105:10-11)
  - Since they were few and weak, he protected them (Ps. 105:12-15)
  - He saved Israel through Joseph (Ps. 105:16-24)
  - When they were enslaved, he freed them (Ps. 105:25-38)
  - He protected them in the desert (Ps. 105:39-43)
  - He settled them in Canaan, the Promised Land (Ps. 105:44)
  - As part of the covenant, the people were to keep the Law (Ps. 105:45)
- ❖ God gives us his justice and protection; He delivers us from evil and saves us. Our part is to embrace his covenant and be willing to obey his laws. (Ps. 7).
- ❖ We are called to proclaim the covenant among the nations, so that they too may praise God (Ps. 105:1-4).

#### **E The Law (Psalm 25)**

- ❖ Intimately linked to the pact are the “testimonies.” The testimonies are the set of laws and ordinances that God has given to his people as the foundation of the government of his Kingdom.
- ❖ All testimonies derive from a common source: the ten commandments. What do Psalms tell us about the Law or testimony?
  - Psalm 1:1-3. They make us happy and fruitful
  - Psalm 25:10. They guide us along paths of mercy and truth
  - Psalm 93:5. They give us security, because they are firm
  - Psalm 112:1-2. They are a blessing to our family.
  - Psalm 119:165. They give us peace
  - Psalm 119:110. They prevent us from falling into the enemy's traps
- ❖ The psalmists appeal to God, who is Creator, King, Judge, Covenant Sovereign, and Lawgiver. In the world we can be safe and secure, even in the midst of the turmoil of the great Controversy, because God is sovereign and faithful in all he does and says.