

Psalm 29

WORSHIP GOD IN THE SPLENDOR OF HIS HOLINESS

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The splendor of God's holiness shines most brightly in Jesus Christ.

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**ONE: Respond to GOD through Psalm 29:**

A. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name (*his name, his renown, grows by what he does and the telling of it*).

B. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness  
NAS: Worship the LORD in holy array/NET: in holy array (dress)

Transition: *Psalm 29.11*: his people need from him strength and his blessing of peace (with him, one another and their neighbors).

**TWO: Respond to GOD who manifests his beauty and glory by making himself known in Trinity to his people.**

A. He walks & meets with his people from Adam to the prophets.

B. He walks & meets with his people through Jesus and the Spirit.

Transition: This Trinity Sunday we acknowledge God met our cry for strength & the blessing of peace as he, the transcendent one, revealed his eternal holiness and beauty, his eternal unity and diversity of beauty at peace, by coming in the person of his Son.

**THREE: Respond to GOD by taking his Son as your strength and God's blessing of peace.**

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" <sup>ESV</sup>

**Psalm 29.1 & 1 Peter 1.10-13**

**Revelation 5**

**"Aaron" by George Herbert**

**Revelation 5 9-10** And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you...and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." <sup>ESV</sup>

**Interact with these thoughts/questions:**

1. The psalms call us to respond together in worship. Even first-person psalms ("I" not "We") when sung/read together, keep us on the journey together. What aspects of Christ's gospel demand we move us away from mere private religion to fellowship and community?
2. God's holiness describes his otherness from his creation. He is set apart, different, in so many ways, from what he created. But God's eternal existence in loving, relational trinity (Father, Son & Spirit) also defines his holiness. The Trinity defines righteous relationships, unity in diversity of expression, beauty in manifold display. God's creation of man in his image [and then his redeeming us by Christ's incarnation] show how committed he is to our being holy as he is, living well in community, in essential unity, yet diverse, beauty shown forth in manifold expression. Our holiness is not mere individual morality, somehow "being clean" apart from relationships. Worship (private or together) drives us to live out mercy, justice and righteousness.
3. How do the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer or the Great Commandment relate to number 2?
4. How might it change the nature of your personal devotions or Sunday worship if you consistently saw the goal of your fellowshiping with God as your becoming holy by "worshiping towards" humble, grace-filled, neighborly relationships and ministry?