

Theme: Give Thanks!

Psalm 92:1–15

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath day.

- ¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- ² To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,
- ³ On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound.
- ⁴ For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.
- ⁵ O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.
- ⁶ A senseless man does not know, Nor does a fool understand this.
- ⁷ When the wicked spring up like grass, And when all the workers of iniquity flourish, *It is* that they may be destroyed forever.
- ⁸ But You, LORD, *are* on high forevermore.
- ⁹ For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For behold, Your enemies shall perish; All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- ¹⁰ But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.
- ¹¹ My eye also has seen *my desire* on my enemies; My ears hear *my desire* on the wicked Who rise up against me.
- ¹² The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- ¹³ Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
- ¹⁴ They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,
- ¹⁵ To declare that the LORD is upright; *He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

Introduction

Context: Psalm 91 dealt with safety and protection in a difficult time. Psalm 92 is a psalm of thanksgiving after being saved from this danger. This is the only psalm in the entire book dedicated to the Sabbath Day.

Consider

92:1–2. According to the psalmist, what is “good”? What does he “declare” as part of this praise?

When does he praise and worship?

*Note: The word “lovingkindness” in 92:2 (the Hebrew word *hesed*, often translated “covenant love”) means much more than showing kindness—it means the kind of love that makes and keeps promises.*

“Faithfulness” means permanent or enduring; something you can count on.

92:3. How does the psalmist worship and give thanks to God?

92:4. According to this verse, why is it “good” to praise the Lord (92:1–2)? How has God made the psalmist “glad”? Why does the psalmist “triumph”?

92:5–9. Notice the contrasts in these verses:

- God’s thoughts are _____
- A senseless man _____
- The wicked spring up quickly (like the grass) but will be _____
- The Lord is on high _____

- The Lord’s enemies _____

92:10–11. What benefit does the Lord give the psalmist? What does it mean when he says his “horn” is “exalted”? (See 1 Samuel 2:1, 10; Psalm 75:10; Lamentations 2:17)

Who should receive credit for this exaltation?

92:12. What benefits does the Lord give to those who trust him? How does the psalmist describe their flourishing? What do these symbols represent?

92:13. Where are they planted? What may be the significance of this location?

92:14. How do the righteous defy expectations? How did some of the people in the list below defy human expectations?

- Abraham _____
- David _____
- Mary _____
- Peter _____
- Paul _____

92:15. What is the purpose of the righteous flourishing? How does the Psalmist describe God’s character in this final verse?

- He is _____
- He is my _____
- There is _____
in Him.

How do these qualities encourage us to give thanks?

Ask Yourself

How can I praise and give thanks to the Lord for 1) who He is and 2) what he has done?

What are some specific works (92:5) the Lord has worked in my own life? When was the last time I praised Him for them?

How does both the greatness and the goodness of God encourage me to worship Him properly?

Why is it important for Christians to worship the Lord with purpose and care? Why is He worthy of the praise I bring?

Do I come to church with a heart prepared for worship? How can I make sure I don't waste these opportunities to worship the Lord?

Cross References

Psalm 98:4

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Psalm 105:2

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

Psalm 135:3

Praise the LORD, for the LORD *is* good; Sing praises to His name, for *it is* pleasant.

1 Samuel 2:1, 10

¹ And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. ¹⁰ The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed."

Psalm 75:10

"All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, *But* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."

Lamentations 2:17

The LORD has done what He purposed; He has fulfilled His word Which He commanded in days of old. He has thrown down and has not pitied, And He has caused an enemy to rejoice over you; He has exalted the horn of your adversaries.