Celebrate God!!
Psalm 118:26-29

Sermon Outline

1. Celebrate His Goodness (vs. 26):
   1. To bow before God as a person, provides Him praise. This is an active energetic process.
   2. To be blessed is to experience God’s favor resulting in a state of prosperity and happiness because a person has trusted and obeyed God.
   3. We are to reverence His presence because He has given us many reasons to be happy.
   4. When Christ came, He was in a set completed state purposefully focused on fulfilling God’s promise. He was determined to “be about His Father’s business.”
   5. The coming of the Messiah was based on the reputation and memory of the Lord. To remember all God has done for Israel, is about one thousand years of God serving them despite all the things they had done.
   6. He is the one who has all authority and power and seeks a covenant relationship with His people.
   7. The people were completely set on bringing the Lord gifts and reverence Him for the favor and happiness He had bestowed upon them.
   8. They blessed the Lord from Zion, His place of worship.

2. Celebrate His Wisdom (vs. 27-28):
   1. The one who has all authority and power also has the very nature of the Supreme God.
   2. The Lord God has endlessly provided wisdom to guide a person through difficult circumstances leading to happiness, deliverance and prosperity.
   3. Because they can now see all He has done, it is the time to celebrate the Lord God.
   4. The wisdom that the Lord provides never runs out.
   5. His wisdom exposes His power and might and how much He desires to have a genuine relationship with us.
   6. “Bind the festive sacrifice” means to tie up the bull to the altar in preparation for a sacrifice to God as a part of the festival and feast.
   7. His wisdom should instruct us to bring an offering.
   8. This is not giving because we are supposed to, this is giving because we want to.

3. Celebratory Worship Honors Him (vs. 29):
   1. The Lord has established a relationship that allows those who are a part of the festival to experience His supreme nature.
   2. God has become a personal experience.
   3. As a result of experiencing God, those who are in the festival desire to make a continuous acknowledgement and proclamation of all the works the Lord God has done.
4. This is the heartbeat of praise because it acknowledges the Lord’s nature, character and His works.
5. The Psalmist affirms that God is the true God and should be reverence and held in high esteem.
6. After all the years of God powerfully working for the well-being of Israel, He has proven Himself, for their sakes, to be the only God and is truly someone who faithfully seeks a relationship with Israel.
7. So, the people spoke highly of God’s accomplishments and gave Him glory.
8. The people realized that they must energetically keep God high.
9. They allowed the trails and difficulties they faced bring turn them away from God but know that He has given them wisdom and they can see they realize that they must keep Him high (Philippians 4:8-9). This causes them to remember His accomplishment and excellent nature.
10. The Psalmist commands all those at the festival to make a declaration to Lord by giving Him praise for who He is and for all His works. They must remember that He has all authority and power and desires to have a relationship with them.
11. The Lord’s benefits impact their day to day life in such a manner that they are completely glad. These benefits are excellent and can also be economically profitable for them.
12. God can establish them to experience a pleasant life resulting in excellent experiences.
13. God’s kindness is steadfast and He is loyal to His covenant which consistent fulfills.
1. God never stops reaching out to us to love us and care for us, ‘Great is His faithfulness’ (Lamentations 3:23, 32).
2. God’s loving and steadfast kindness will never change because it is limitless.