

“Temple of Doom”

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Psalm 68 Sermon Series / “Won’t HE Do It?!” / Part 3

_____ (Psalm 68:1-19)

_____ (Psalm 68:20)

_____ (Psalm 68:21)

_____ (Psalm 68:22-23)

_____ (Psalm 68:24-29)

_____ (Psalm 68:30-31)

_____ (Psalm 68:32)

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. In Psalm 68:20 we read that "our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death." How does this truth shape your understanding of God's role in your life? In what ways have you experienced God's saving power in your personal journey?
2. In Psalm 68:21-23 the psalmist speaks of God's judgment against His enemies, describing vivid imagery in these verses of His work. How do these verses challenge or affirm your understanding of God's justice? How can we work together to be a testimony of God's strength and justice to those around us?
3. Building on the above question, apologetically speaking how can do you reconcile God's judgment with His love and mercy? How might unbelievers wrestle with this Psalm and the so-called "problem of evil"? Discuss. (For help see <https://www.gotquestions.org/problem-of-evil.html>).
4. In Psalm 68:24-27 there is a depiction of a majestic procession into the sanctuary of the Temple/Tabernacle, with different groups (singers, musicians, tribes) playing distinct roles. How does this image reflect the diversity and unity within the body of Christ? How can we, as a church, embody this unity in our worship and service?
5. In Psalm 68:28-29 the psalmist prays for God to display His strength, acknowledging that all power comes from Him. In what areas of your life or in our church do we need to ask God to reveal His power? How can we depend more on God's strength rather than our own? How do you personally and practically grow in your trust of God?
6. Psalm 68:30-31 envisions a time when even distant nations will bring tribute to God and recognize His authority. How do these verses inform our understanding of God's sovereignty over all nations?
7. Our study ended with verse 32 calling for all kingdoms of the earth to sing praises to God. How can we cultivate a heart of praise, both individually and corporately? What steps can we take to ensure that our lives and our church reflect a posture of continual worship?
8. Reflect on a time when you've seen God work powerfully in your life or the life of someone you know. How does Psalm 68 encourage you to trust in God's ongoing deliverance and provision? As a small group, how can we better support each other in recognizing and responding to God's power and salvation in our lives?