

Psalm 114—Praise God for His Powerful Deliverance

- **Intro**
 - Sung IMMEDIATELY before Passover! A song of POWERFUL DELIVERANCE!
- **REALIZE WHAT GOD'S DELIVERANCE PRODUCES: A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS (v.1-2)**
 - **Judah became his SANCTUARY**—no other nation has ever been called this, but in the gospel, the church is made the sanctuary...the dwelling place of God!
 - SANCTUARY = WORSHIP—GOD DELIVERS US FROM SIN INTO WORSHIP
 - Exodus 19:6—for all the earth is mine, you will be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
 - 1 Peter 2:4-9—you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood...a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
 - **Israel his DOMINION**—God has never meant merely to dwell with his people but to be King and Lord of and over his people!
 - We aren't only freed TO worship but we also become the temple—the manifestation of his glory!
 - In redemption, God isn't ONLY sparing us condemnation but he is also BUILDING us into a KINGDOM...A SANCTUARY—A DISPLAY CASE OF HIS GLORY TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!
 - A place for him to exercise his loving, good Kingship and reign
 - A place for him to demonstrate his nature, character, power, etc.
- **REJOICE IN GOD'S POWER TO DELIVER (V.3-6)**
 - v.5-6—Psalmist essentially asking, “WHY?!” Why are you fleeing!?
 - v.7 is the answer—because God, the Creator of the world has appeared! Nothing to do with Israel!
 - At Jesus' death (Matthew 27:51) and at His resurrection (Matthew 28:2) the earth shakes—Creation responds as God moves to save!
 - **God's power and zeal to save and deliver is JUST as ferocious for us! He stands to terrorize every barrier, every enemy, every sin which stands to crush, haunt or taunt us!**
 - Psalm 18—the earth reeled and rocked...he bowed the heavens and came down!
- **RESPOND IN WORSHIP TO GOD'S ULTIMATE DELIVERER (V.5-8)**
 - **Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of this picture**
 - **Onlooking nations/Unbeliever** = tremble in fear before the judgment and wrath of a holy God.
 - This is how ferocious God is toward dealing with and delivering from Sin.
 - God WILL judge sin and conquer his enemies—will the power you see demonstrated here be leveraged on your behalf for your good or against you for your judgment!?
 - **God's people** = Because of Christ, God's holiness causes us to worship and repent! We do not come in cowering fear to Mt. Sinai, but come in glad celebration to Mt. Zion!
 - WE DO NOT TREMBLE IN TERROR...WE TREMBLE IN WORSHIP! WRATH SATISFIED!
 - Psalm 114—Creation flees before it's Maker as he delivers his people
 - Exodus 15:30-31a—The LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people fears the LORD.
 - In the gospel, God's people don't look to see Egyptians but SIN, SATAN, THE GRAVE AND EVERY ENEMY DEAD ON THE SHORE—CONQUERED BY HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION! ALL OUR ENEMIES HAVING FLED AND BEEN CONQUERED!
 - Christ's life and ministry follow the pattern of the Exodus—from the wilderness, conquest over sin and satan, resurrected glory.

- Christ's life, death and resurrection lead us on the New Exodus of salvation!
- v.8—turns the rock into a pool of water
 - Like Moses struck the rock in the wilderness to provide water for the thirsting Israelites, so Jesus is the greater Rock, struck by the Father, that living water might be given to an eternally thirsting humanity!
 - Hebrews 12:18-24—For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “if even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speak a better word than the blood of Abel.
- Creation flees away in the EXACT SAME WAY when God finally crushes death and Satan!!
 - Rev. 20:11, 14—Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them...Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.
- **Conclusion:**
 - Our response = Colossians 1:11-14—May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin.
 - Orient our lives lives of worship under the Kingship of Jesus!
 - Rest in God's power to save us from sin and deliver us from every enemy
 - Rejoice in Christ, the ultimate fulfillment and hope of salvation...the one who saves us by his death and resurrection and crushes Satan and Death forever!