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Psalm 108

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Vs. 1-5 repeat [Psalm 57:7-11](#);
Vs. 6-13 repeat [Psalm 60:5-12](#).

This Psalm was originally written by David as [Psalm 57](#) and [Psalm 60](#), but parts of those have been combined into **Psalm 108**. Since this Psalm repeats the previous Psalms, the comments are the same as for the previous Psalms.

Vs. 1-5= [Psalm 57:7-11](#) comments:

Verses 7-11: David would not take his heart from before the LORD, but kept it "steadfast," and ready to "sing and give praise."

In **verse 8**, David speaks to his musical instruments: "Awake, lute and harp!" Clearly, even David did NOT include his musical instruments whenever he said "sing," for they were an addition to his vocal praise of God! This, then, is yet another reference to such instruments left behind in Moses' Law, for Jesus "has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" ([Colossians 2:14](#)).

Verse 9 points to David's hope for the future, when God would be praised "among the peoples," and "among the nations," both frequently referring to "Gentiles," which has happened since the church of Christ (the "kingdom of God" [Acts 8:12](#)) began in [Acts 2](#).

In **verses 10-11**, God's "mercy," "truth," and "glory" are above the earth and cannot be tainted by anything that happens down here. For God to be "exalted" "above the heavens" means that no scientific discovery, no scientist, no human, can ever see, control, reach or ruin the "Most High."

Vs. 6-13= [Psalm 60:5-12](#) comments:

To be saved "with Your right hand" figuratively suggests that God still helps them with a strong arm (**verse 5**).

Verses 6-8: It says in **verse 6**: "God has spoken in His holiness." God's dispensation of the tribes of Israelites is the final Word on the subject. "His holiness" always refers to God, and not a man (Pope, etc.). Jesus Christ gave Himself that sinners who obey the Gospel "might partake of His holiness" ([Hebrews 12:10](#)). Unless that would make each Christian a "Pope," then what each Christian may "partake" of is not limited to one individual! It is a profanity for

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any religion to bestow upon any human the title of "His holiness," for it is not reserved for one, but to all Christians it is said: "as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16). In **verse 7**, God claims Gilead and Manasseh, both across the Jordan River from the Promised "mainland." The tribe of Ephraim would lead; Judah would rule; **verse 8**, God even claimed their enemies: Moab would be a common "washpot;" Edom would be completely crushed; Philistia would shout triumphantly when taken and included.

Verses 9-12: If God made the assignments in **verses 6-8**, then in **verse 9**, God asks for a leader to step forward and do this. David's reply in **verse 10** is that it was God who gave them victory, and should again. The principle statement in **verses 11-12** appears to be "For the help of man is useless." That acknowledgment sometimes is difficult, if not, impossible, to hear. Jesus heard the Canaanitish woman beg mercy for her "severely demon-possessed daughter" because she "came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Lord, help me!'" (Matthew 15:21-28). "Her daughter was healed from that very hour" just as David's help from God had come to him.

David will emphasize his conclusion with, "My help *comes* from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth." If God created "heaven and earth" (and all the scientific evidence demands that He did!), then only He has the power to interact and override what happens on that earth. God sees, hears, and influences the affairs on earth, continually, for "He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

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