

“THE GOD WHO IS ACTIVE ON BEHALF OF HIS PEOPLE”

PSALM 68:1-7

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INTRODUCTION

The first verse is a practical quote from Num. 10:35. God set out before the hosts of Israel in their wilderness march. In faith, the people of God count on Him to do the same in their own times—dangerous or not!

- I. THE GOD WHO ACTED IN THE PAST WILL ACT IN THE PRESENT (1-2).
 - A. God’s enemies will be scattered (1a).
 - B. Those who hate God will flee before Him (1b).
 - C. Powerful enemies are without real substance and power before God (2).
 1. They are driven away like smoke.
 2. They are melted like wax before the fire.
 - D. The wicked perish before God.

- II. THE PEOPLE OF GOD WILL WORSHIP HIM AND REJOICE IN HIM (3-4).
 - A. The righteous will rejoice/be glad; they will exult before God; they will rejoice with Joy (3).
 - B. They will sing to God, and will make music to His name (4a).
 - C. Their worship will prepare a way for God (4b).
 1. They *cast up a highway*.
 2. God rides victoriously through the deserts (4b).
 - D. His essential name is Yah/Yahweh.
 - E. They exult before Him.

- III. THE OMNIPOTENT GOD IS A GOD OF COMPASSION (5-6).

What kind of powerful ruler acts like this?

 - A. He is a Father for the orphan.
 - B. He is a Judge/protector/vindicator of the widow.

He does so from His holy habitation.
 - C. He makes a home for the Lonely. (6a)
 - D. He leads out the prisoner into prosperity (6b).

- IV. THE OMNIPOTENT GOD GIVES JUSTICE TO THE REBELLIOUS (6c)

They live in a parched land—not entering into the promised land.

CONCLUSION

Godly persons need not fear before the wicked, who are nothing before a holy and omnipotent God.

Godly persons will rejoice and praise God who continues His triumphant march through the waste places through which He takes them.

He can do no other—for that is His name!

His character is that of One who is compassionate toward those who are helpless and needy.

Only the wicked are left in the wilderness.