

**Psalms 92:0 ¶ A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.**

This is a psalm that speaks to the primary reason for the sabbath. It is a time for fellowship with God and offering up praise and thanks for our blessings and all He does on our behalf.

Spurgeon: “The Sabbath was set apart for adoring the Lord in his finished work of creation, hence the suitableness of this Psalm; Christians may take even a higher flight, for they celebrate complete redemption.”

**Psalms 92:1 ¶ *It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:***

**Psalms 92:2 *To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,***

**Psalms 92:3 *Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.***

The psalmist starts by expressing how good it is for us to give thanks to the LORD and sing His praises from morning until night. It is an opportunity to show appreciation for His love and faithfulness through music.

I thoroughly agree with the psalmist. Sharing our thanks and praise to God through music is a beautiful way to declare our love and appreciation. It is also a good way to share that truth with others. Music speaks to people in a special way; it is the language of the soul.

EBC Abridged: “As the priests and Levites prepared the morning and evening sacrifice (cf. Ex 29:39-41), the Levitical singers led God’s people in worship, using a ‘ten-stringed’ instrument, a ‘harp,’ and a ‘lyre.’”

**Psalms 92:4 *For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.***

I loved the NLT version of this verse: “*You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me! I sing for joy because of what you have done.*”

It is what God has done for us and those we love that inspires the composition of music. We are surrounded by the wonder and beauty of God’s creative works, the works of His hands. They are a cause for rejoicing in our God!

**Psalms 92:5 *O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.***

**Psalms 92:6 *A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.***

As the psalmist acknowledges the great works of God, he also realizes that His thoughts are very profound and thorough of understanding—far beyond our human capabilities. Only the foolish or silly person doesn’t realize this truth.

*Isaiah 55:8–9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

**Psalms 92:7 ¶ When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:**

Again, I liked the NLT for this verse: *“Although the wicked flourish like weeds, and evildoers blossom with success, there is only eternal destruction ahead of them.”*

That is a very sobering truth. The success and prosperity of the wicked is often a stumblingblock to the Christian. On the flip side, the wicked often gain a sense of false security in light of their success and prosperity. The truth is that the reality of this lifetime is but a vapor in light of our eternity. The Christian should find great comfort in light of the eternal wonders and blessings that await us. Knowing the eternal destruction that awaits the wicked should motivate us to share the gospel with as many as possible. We should mirror the heart of God who is not willing that any should perish.

*Romans 8:16–18 “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*

*James 4:14 “For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”*

*2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

I liked Guzik’s observation: *“The wicked should understand that this world provides the best they will ever experience, and the righteous should know that this world provides the worst they will experience.”*

**Psalms 92:8 But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.**

The psalmist is declaring the truth that the LORD, the self-existent eternal God, will remain exalted forever.

The eternity of God is so beyond my understanding and yet a great comfort to this child of faith. If I could understand all about God, He wouldn’t be God.

I liked Spurgeon’s comment: *“This is the middle verse of the Psalm, and the great fact which this Sabbath song is meant to illustrate. God is at once the highest and most enduring of all beings. Others rise to fall, but he is the Most High to eternity. Glory be to his name! How great a God we worship! Who would not fear thee, O thou High Eternal One! The ungodly are destroyed for ever, and God is most high for ever; evil is cast down, and the Holy One reigns supreme eternally.”*

**Psalms 92:9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.**

The truth is that all enemies of the LORD will die only to find themselves separated from His presence (from the Hebrew for “scattered”) for eternity.

**Psalms 92:10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of an unicorn*: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.**

**Psalms 92:11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire on mine enemies*, and mine ears shall hear *my desire of the wicked that rise up against me*.**

“But” – In contrast to the enemies of the LORD, the psalmist will experience God’s favor.

These verses certainly make one think of David. The psalmist is speaking of experiencing God’s anointing and the elation of seeing his enemies defeated time and again as a result of that anointing.

Spurgeon: “The unicorn may have been some gigantic ox or buffalo now unknown, and perhaps extinct—among the ancients it was the favourite symbol of unconquerable power....”

**Psalms 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

The psalmist closes with words of rejoicing over the blessings of the righteous. He compares the righteous man to fruitful and strong trees.

**Psalms 92:13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

**Psalms 92:14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;**

**Psalms 92:15 To shew that the LORD *is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.***

I think to be planted in the house of the LORD is to possess a strong foundation of faith rooted in God’s word. Such a foundation provides an environment that promotes spiritual growth that results in spiritual fruit. It reminds me of the words of David regarding the man that is blessed from Psalm 1.

*Psalms 1:2–3 “But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”*

This person will still be producing spiritual fruit in old age with the same abundance as they did when they were young. This will give evidence that their faith is strong in the LORD in whom is no evil.

I so enjoy the beauty of expression of many of Spurgeon's observations: "...those who dwell in habitual fellowship with God shall become men of full growth, rich in grace, happy in experience, mighty in influence, honoured and honourable."

And another drawing from the verbiage in Ecclesiastes 12: "Grace does not leave the saint when the keepers of the house do tremble; the promise is still sure though the eyes can no longer read it; the bread of heaven is fed upon when the grinders fail; and the voice of the Spirit in the soul is still melodious when the daughters of music are brought low."

*Ecclesiastes 12:3-4 "In the day when the keepers of the house [legs] shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders [teeth] cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows [eyes] be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low....[loss of hearing]"*