

Psalm 72:18-19

“Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things! And blessed be his glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.”

Blessed:

Barak-to kneel; by implication to bless God as an act of adoration

Wondrous:

Pala'-to separate, i.e. distinguish (literally or figuratively); by implication, to be (causatively, make) great, difficult, wonderful

Glorious & Glory:

Kabowd-weight, but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness: -glorious (-ly), glory, honour (-able)

Solomon ends this psalm with an admonition to kneel and bless God as an act of adoration. Why is God to be adored? He alone does wondrous things. In other words he does things that separates or distinguishes him for everyone else. The things God does are too difficult and wonderful to be done by anyone else.

Luke 1:68-79 is the prophecy of Zacharias the father of John the Baptist after John's birth. The word blessed in verse 68 means adorable in the Greek. Zacharias gives a list of the wondrous things God has done.

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, who have been since the world began, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath which he swore to our father Abraham: To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." NKJV

Solomon goes on to say that God's name is glorious; which is to say weighty, yielding or containing plenty, affording ample supply, large in quantity, abundant. And that the whole earth should be filled with God's splendor, honor, plenteous supply and abundance. God's mission is to make for himself a glorious name. That is why he does things only he can do. Read Isaiah 63:7-14.

"I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he has bestowed on them according to his mercies, according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not lie." So he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the Angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; so he turned himself against them as an enemy, and he fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his

people, saying: "Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who put his Holy Spirit within them, who led them by the right hand of Moses, with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them to make for himself an everlasting name, who led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they might not stumble?" As a beast goes down into the valley, and the Spirit of the Lord causes him to rest, so you lead your people, to make yourself a glorious name." (NKJV)

Scripture references:

Psalm 106:48

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord!

Psalm 26:7

That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all your wondrous works.

Psalm 71:17

O God, you have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare your wondrous works.

Psalm 75:1

We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks! For your wondrous works declare that your name is near.

Psalm 86:10

For you are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Psalm 105:2

Sing to him, sing psalms to him; Talk of all his wondrous works!

Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from your law.

Psalm 145:5

I will meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works.