

THE ASCENSION OF KING JESUS

PSALM 68: 17-20

Introduction:

This Psalm celebrates the march of God throughout history. Since the very dawn of human history, God has been on the march against evil and for His people.

The Psalm opens with an appeal to God to “arise” and do it again. It remembers the time that God went before His people against Egypt, across the desert, and in the conquest of the Promised Land. God was always more than victorious, and never lost a battle.

However in the midst of the Psalm attention is drawn to a special victory.

The Apostle Paul was given spiritual insight to understand that this victory was accomplished at the Cross, and preceded the return of Christ to heaven in glory. We have been guilty of neglecting the significance of this divine event and victory. Heaven received Him as the Conquering Hero. Consider these matters about His return as the Triumphant King!

I. HE RECEIVED A GLORIOUS WELCOME (V. 17)

II. HE OCCUPIED THE HIGHEST PLACE.

III. HE TOOK CAPTIVITY AS A CAPTIVE.

1. He took sin as a captive.

2. He took death as a captive.

Our God is a God who saves;

from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

3. He took the grave as a captive.

IV. HE BEGAN TO BESTOW GIFTS.

V. HE BEGAN TO BEAR OUR BURDENS.

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,

who daily bears our burdens.