MORNING WORSHP 31 July 2011

Title: "ASCRIBE STRENGTH TO THE LORD"

Text: Psalm 68

(I) A GREAT PSALM OF DAVID

- 1. Many different elements found in Psalm 68
- 2. Notable elements
 - a) History
 - b) Prayer
 - c) Praise
 - d) Didactic

(II) SINGLING OUT ONE ASPECT FOR CLOSER STUDY

- 1. The subject of "Strength"
- 2. The study of Strength
 - a) In God
 - b) In God's people

(III) EXTOLING THE STRENGTH OF GOD

"Ascribe strength to God, His excellence is over Israel" **Psalm 68:34**

- 1. Strength of God evidenced
 - a) Victory over enemies (Psalm 68:2)
 - b) Leading Israel through the wilderness to the Promised Land (**Psalm 68:7-10**)
 - c) The mighty Divine army of God (**Psalm 68:17-18**)

2. Strength of God given to His people

- a) God's plan to give strength to His people (**Psalm 68:28a**)
- b) Prayer for this strength to be given (Psalm 68:28b)
- c) Rejoicing in God's strength and power (Psalm 68:35b)

(IV) DRAWING MUCH-NEEDED STRENGTH IN LIFE

1. Through a deeper understanding of God

- a) As recorded in the history of ancient Israel
- b) As given in the form of principles and promises

2. Through prayer

- a) Believing in God
- b) Pleading for needed strength

3. Through Application

- a) Consciously
- b) Humbly
- c) Appreciatively