



## **Family preparation for congregational worship on September 03, 2017**

**Our Scripture-Psalm 68:1-18 (ESV):** *God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! 2 As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! 3 But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! 5 Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. 6 God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. 7 O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah 8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. 9 Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; 10 your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. 11 The Lord gives the word; the women who announce the news are a great host: 12 "The kings of the armies—they flee, they flee!" The women at home divide the spoil— 13 though you men lie among the sheepfolds— the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with shimmering gold. 14 When the Almighty scatters kings there, let snow fall on Zalmon. 15 O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan! 16 Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the LORD will dwell forever? 17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. 18 You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.*

### **Discuss:**

1. What call to praise does this to God's people? (vv.4-6).
2. What acts of the Lord did the psalm writer recall for the benefit of his listeners? (vv.7-14).

**Prayer:** Praise the Lord that He gave us the ability to communicate. Praise the Lord that He listens to our cries. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for a joyful spirit. Pray for safety and protection for loved ones. Pray for Timothy and Jane Silcott as they minister in presenting Vacation Bible Schools, camp programs and revival meetings. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

**Memorize: (August)** *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13*

### **Music:**

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it thine-It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.*

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## Psalm 68

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ISRAEL	KING	LEAD
LORD	MOUNTAIN	PEOPLE
POWER	PRINCES	SANCTUARY
SCATTER	SELAH	SING
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