- Hebrew Poetry 3 distinctive features
  - Terse (shorter)
  - Imagery (imaginative/figures of speech/metaphor)
  - Parallelism (two phrases saying the same thing in different words)

# THESIS — PSALM 29 THUNDERS FORTH THE VOICE OF GOD'S MAJESTY — we must respond in worship in 3 ways...

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- ★Your God is **UNRIVALED.**. there is no god, deity, power or ideology that can compare with Him. He alone is supreme, preeminent, worthy of praise.
- ★Your God is **POWERFUL**. Your God can do the impossible. He can take the toughest, the hardest, the stoutest, the most arrogant and hard-hearted and melt and soften it instantly.

### Psalm 29 — "The Thunderous Voice of God!"

- ★Your God is to be **REVERED**. Worship in Holy Array; splendor of holiness. Honor him. respect him. Treat him as God. Don't dishonor him in prayer, Bible reading, speaking of Him. Honor and uphold His name with all dignity and awe and care.
- ★Your God is **ETERNAL**. He was there, sitting as King, at the flood.
- ★Your God is **JUDGE** & **DESTROYER**. He sat as king at the flood worldwide flood.
- ★Your God is **STRENGTH-GIVER**. This God of all power is the God who supplies what you need.
- ★Your God gives **PEACE**. He blesses his people with peace. He bestows, grants, supplies, and loves to give Peace! JESUS the voice of Yhwh who came and preached peace to those far away & near! He is the Price of Peace & the bringer of Peace!

#### **HOW GREAT THOU ART**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

#### PSALM 29: The Psalter

Tune: Immortal invisible God only wise or How firm a foundation

Ascribe to the Lord, all you ones of great might; Ascribe to the Lord glory, strength in your sight. Ascribe to Him glory, and His name adore; In splendor of holiness, worship the Lord.

The voice of the Lord is above the great sea; He thunders in glory; o'er waters is He! The voice of the Lord, full of power and might; His voice is majestic and flaming in light.

The voice of the Lord strikes with flashing of light. His voice shakes the desert of Kadesh with might. The voice of the Lord strips the forests all bare; And all in His temple, His glory declare.

The Lord sits enthroned o'er the flood – He is King. The Lord on His throne sits forever as King. The Lord gives His people His strength without cease. The Lord is the One who will bless them with peace.

The majesty of God in itself goes beyond the capacity of human understanding and cannot be comprehended by it..

We must adore its loftiness rather than investigate it, so that we do not remain overwhelmed by so great a splendor.

(John Calvin)