PSALM

68

LXVIII

Processional Victory

Psalms of David · Book II

"For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song."

PICTURE WORD

Procession

IN ONE SENTENCE

God arises and scatters his enemies, fathers orphans, rides the heavens, marches into his sanctuary, and daily bears us up.

Remember it: Sixty-eight: God arises, the parade marches in, and he carries us daily.

MEMORY VERSE

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burdens, even the God who is our salvation. Selah.

Psalm 68:19 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

יָקוּם

"let him arise" · verse 1

In the Psalms: 51 times, in 38 psalms

יָקוּם means "let him arise," from the root "to rise, stand up." The opening line echoes Moses' cry in Numbers 10:35 whenever the ark set out: "Rise up, LORD, and let your enemies be scattered." The whole psalm pictures God on the move, leading his people in procession.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–6	Let God arise, scatter enemies, and father the fatherless.
7–18	God marches from Sinai, scatters kings, and ascends on high.
19–23	The Lord daily bears our burdens and rescues from death.
24–35	God's procession enters the sanctuary; kingdoms sing to him.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 18 → Ephesians 4:8 Christ ascended on high and gave gifts to His people.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 68 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/68**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

The LORD Reigns · Israel's Story · Justice on the Wicked

FILL IN THE BLANKS

God arises and _____ his enemies, fathers _____, rides the heavens, marches into his _____, and daily bears us up.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. The wicked perish before God as wax melts before what?

- (A) The sun
- (B) The fire
- (C) The wind
- (D) The rain

2. God is a father of whom?

- (A) The fatherless
- (B) The kings
- (C) The priests
- (D) The mighty

3. What does the Lord do daily?

- (A) Counts the stars
- (B) Judges the nations
- (C) Sends rain
- (D) Bears our burdens

TALK IT OVER

1. Who walks in God's procession in verses 25 to 27?

2. The same God rides the heavens and sets the lonely in families. What does that show about him?

3. Who around you is fatherless, widowed, or lonely, and how might God use you for them?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 68 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say verse 19 by heart
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: scatters · orphans · sanctuary · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 2) · 2. A (v. 5) · 3. D (v. 19)