**A PRAYER from Psalm 68 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 68 GLIMPSING THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**

**Psa 68:1** God the Powerful One rises up and scatters his rebellious enemies. Those who hate him run away in defeat.

Psa 68:2 As smoke is blown away, so he drives these MEN off; as wax melts in front of the fire, so do the wicked MEN perish in God's Holy presence.

Psa 68:3 But the righteous and pure believers are glad and rejoice in his Divine Holy Spirit presence; they are happy and shout for joy.

Psa 68:4 Sing to our Glorious God, sing praises to his name; prepare a way for him who rides on the clouds. His name is Jesus the Victorious LORD ---be glad in his presence!

Psa 68:5 God our Father, who lives in his sacred Heavenly Temple, cares for orphans and protects widows.

Psa 68:6 He gives the lonely a home to live in and leads prisoners of sin into happy freedom of salvation, but rebelling MEN will have to live in a desolate land.

Psa 68:7 O God Almighty, when you led your people, the Jews, when you marched across the desert,

Psa 68:8 the earth shook, and the sky poured down rain, because of the coming of the Mighty God of Sinai, the coming of the Great God of Israel.

Psa 68:9 You caused abundant rain to fall and restored Palestine, your worn-out land;

Psa 68:10 your precious sons and daughters made their home there; in your goodness you provided for the poor.

Psa 68:11 The Lord Jesus gave the command, and many women carried the news:

Psa 68:12 "Opposing kings and their evil armies are running away!" The women at home divided what was captured:

Psa 68:13 figures of doves covered with silver, whose wings glittered with fine gold. (Why did some of you Baptist Workers stay home on the day of spiritual battle – the day of planting a church?)

Psa 68:14 When Almighty God scattered the opposing rulers on Mount Zalmon, he caused snow to fall there.

Psa 68:15 What a mighty mountain is Bashan, a mountain of many peaks – a symbol of evil!

Psa 68:16 Why from your mighty peaks do you look with scorn on the mountain on which God chose to live? The LORD Jesus will live there forever!

Psa 68:17 With his many thousands of mighty fiery angelic chariots the Lord Jesus comes from his mountain into the holy place.

Psa 68:18 He goes up to the heights, taking many captives with him; he receives gifts from rebellious MEN everywhere. The LORD, the Triune God will live there.

Psa 68:19 Praise the Lord Jesus, who carries our burdens day after day; he is the Powerful God who saves our souls.

Psa 68:20 Our Magnificent God is a God who saves; he is the LORD, our Lord, who rescues us from death and Hell.

Psa 68:21 Our Omnipotent God will surely break the heads of his enemies, of those MEN who persist in their sinful ways.

Psa 68:22 The Lord Victorious has said, "I will bring your enemies back from heathen lands; I will bring such MEN back from the depths of the ocean,

Psa 68:23 so that you the believers may wade in their blood, and your dogs may lap up as much as they want."

Psa 68:24 O God Victorious, your march of triumph is seen by all, the procession of God, my King, into his holy sanctuary.

Psa 68:25 The singers are in front, the musicians are behind, in between are the young women beating the tambourines.

Psa 68:26 "Praise God the Unfathomable One in the meeting of his sons and daughters; praise the LORD, all you spiritual descendants of Jacob!"

Psa 68:27 First comes Benjamin, the smallest tribe, then the leaders of Judah with their group, followed by the leaders of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Psa 68:28 Show your power, O Holy God, the power you have used on behalf of us the believers,

Psa 68:29 from your Temple in the Heavenly Jerusalem, where presidents bring gifts to you.

Psa 68:30 Rebuke Egypt, that wild animal in the reeds; rebuke the evil nations, that herd of bulls with their rebellious calves, until they all bow down and offer you their riches. Scatter those MEN who love to make war!

Psa 68:31 Ambassadors will come from Egypt; the Ethiopians will raise their holy hands in prayer to God their Savior.

Psa 68:32 Sing to the Triune God, kingdoms and rulers of the world, sing praise to the Lord Jesus,

Psa 68:33 to him who rides in the sky, the ancient sky. Listen to Jesus shout with a mighty roar.

Psa 68:34 Proclaim God's victorious power; his majesty is over Ukraine, his might is in the skies.

Psa 68:35 How awesome is God’s Radiant Glory as he comes from his Heavenly sanctuary--- the God of Israel! He gives strength and power to his believers. Praise God!