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Psalm Chapter 113 KJV

Psalm 113 can be divided into 2 parts: (1) Encouragement to Praise the LORD Vss. 1-3; (2) The Majesty of the LORD Vss. 4-9.

Psalm 111 is a song of praise about the deeds of God in redemption. Psalm 112 is a song of praise about the blessing of God upon the God-fearing. Psalm 113 is a song of praise about the glory of the LORD toward afflicted people.

Psalm 113 is the first of a series of psalms (psalms 113-118) called hallel-psalms or thanksgiving psalms. They are sung at the great feast – Passover, Pentecost, and feast of Booths (Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26).

Encouragement to Praise the LORD

1) Praise, ye the LORD. “Hallelujah” Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

LORD- meaning Jehovah Is mentioned three times in this verse representing the trinity.

“Praise, O ye servants of the LORD” You who profess to serve and obey Him as your God. LORD JEHOVAH had accomplished and provided all good things for us. Let us, therefore adore Him and no one else. Our entire being physically, emotionally, and

spiritually must be poured out like a living sacrifice unto JEHAVAH only.

We as God's servants are commanded to praise the LORD. Praise and worship are the backbone of Christian living. Only as we praise Him for what He has done and worship Him for Who He is can we really know God. Nothing we do- no study, no good deeds, no ritual- has depth of meaning apart from praise and worship. We praise His holy name because He inhabits the praises of His people- when praise is being offered, He is there! **Ps. 22:3) But thou are holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of His people.** To avoid praise, then, is to shun the Lord.

When we praise and worship God, we acknowledge that He is worthy, and we are ascribing to His value. The Apostle John puts it this way: **Rev. 4:11) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

When we praise and worship the Lord, it must be done with the right Spirit! It must be done in **righteousness, holiness, reverence, and godly fear towards Him. Ps. 29;2) Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Ps 115:17-18) The dead praise not the LORD, nor any that go down into silence. 18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and evermore. Praise the LORD.

2) Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

The prayer here is that God must be and should be praise through all times, now and forever. He is worthy of our praise now and He will ever be. What He is now He will always be continuing to be, and as praise is proper now, it will always be! **For ever and ever.** An eternal God has claims to eternal praise.

Ps. 145:21) My mouth will declare the praises of the LORD; let every creature bless His holy name forever and ever.

Ps. 7:17) I will thank the LORD because He is just; I will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

3) From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised

Throughout the world from the furthest east to the furthest west the name of the Lord is to be praised

Mal. 1:11) From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My name, and a pure offering: for My name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of host.

4) The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

We as creatures know limits, we are limited in time and space. We know length, breath, height, and

depth. The LORD cannot be measured, His glory knows no bounds.

We read in the letter to the Ephesians: **Eph 3: 17b-19) “That you may be to comprehend with all the saints what is the breath and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.**

Not only is Father God high above the nations of the earth, but He is also **“above the heavens”**. The heavens were created by Him, as was the earth. He is not confined in His creation but is above it. He oversees everything on earth and in heaven. **“His glory”** transcends the splendor of heaven and everything in the universe reflects His glory.

Father God said in **Isa. 40:15) Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, He taketh up the isles as a very little thing.**

5) Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

This is a rhetorical question: **“Who is like unto the LORD our God?”**. This is the main (core) message of this psalm, and it is the center and focal point of it. Father God is the high and exalted God and nothing nor any one can be compared to Him.

Mic. 7:18) Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passed by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.

Jer. 10:6; 10; 12) 6 Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. (10) But the LORD is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting King: at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation. (12) He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion.

6) Who humbled Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and the earth!

Father God is the incomparable one who set-up His throne on the highest height, but at the same time directs His gaze deep down-wards. Nothing in all the realm of creations that are beneath His throne goes unseen. He beholds everything on earth and beneath it.

How amazing was it for the Son of God to come from heaven to earth and to take our sinful nature upon Him. He did this so that all of humanity can be saved from eternal death and eternal separation from our Father so that where He is we will be also.

O what love has the Father bestowed upon mankind on the earth that He looked down from heaven and saw that we needed a Savior. **Jer. 31:3) Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with loving-kindness have I drown thee.**

1st John 3:1) BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God.

7) **He raises up the poor out of the dust and lifts the needy out of the dunghill;**

8) **That He may set him with princes, even with the princes of His people.**

He raises up the poor; What a great and glorious Father He is, He stoops so low as to regard and advance those whom all men, even their brethren and friends slight and despise; **out of the dust (dunghill)**, from a most miserable and contemptible condition; **that He may set him with princes;** in equal honor and power with them, as He did Joseph, David, Saul (Paul), and others; **even with the princes of His people**, who in God's eyes and heart are far more honorable and precious than the princes of the heathen nations.

God's servants have His Devine presence among them and His special providence watching over them where ever they are. **Rom. 8:31) If God is for us, who can be against us.**

Ps. 13:6) I will sing unto the LORD, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

1st Sam. 2:8) He lifts the poor out of the dust and lifted the beggar from the dunghill, to set the among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and He hath set the world upon them.

Isa. 41:17) When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

9) He maketh the barren women to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

In the Old Testament, we find many instances of barren women, who were miraculously made to bear children. Isaac, Joseph, Samson, Samuel, and John the Baptist were born of mothers who had been barren.

“These examples” can be considered as preludes of the plan that God had for the Gentile Church that in His timing, He would **make fruitful by His miraculous power. We were once Gentiles and outcast** but now we are children of God. He redeemed us back to Him so that His house will not be empty (barren) but it will be filled with His children praising and giving glory to Him.

A natural house made of brick-and-mortar Father God never desired but a house that is alive. A house that is full of joy and full of His praises. A house that He can live and move and has His being in. A house that He can communicate and have a relationship with.

We read in **Eph. 2:21-22) In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord. (22) In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation for God through the Sprit.**

1st Cor. 6:19) What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1st Cor. 3:9 & 16) 9 Ye are God's building. (16) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?

This psalm ends with the exclamation that it began with: "**Praise ye the LORD**" "**Hallelujah**" There is all the more reason for us to do this, now that the psalmist has presented God's sovereignty and His loving care For His people.

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