



Psalm 113

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. 3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. 5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, 6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; 8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. 9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm highlights God's universal providence especially for His afflicted people.
2. Notice the inclusio in v.1 and v. 9. Hallelujah!

Outline:

- A. Praise the LORD (vv.1-3)
- B. The LORD is High and Unique (vv.4-6)
- A.' Praise the LORD (vv.7-9)

Observations:

1. All men should praise the LORD.
2. The LORD condescends to help the poor.

Lesson: God is worthy to be praised.

Psalm 114

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; 2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. 4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. 5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? 6 Ye mountains,

that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; 8 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm was most likely sung during the feast of the Passover.
2. It commemorates Israel's freedom from Egypt.

Outline:

- A. The LORD's People (vv.1-2)
- B. Nature's Testimony (vv.3-6)
- A.' The LORD's Presence (vv.7-8)

Observations:

1. The LORD delivered His people from Egypt.
2. The LORD is worthy to be praised.

Lesson: The LORD is the Deliverer.

Psalm 115

1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. 2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. 5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: 6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: 7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. 8 They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield. 11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. 13 He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small

and great. 14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. 15 Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence. 18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm demonstrates the dangers that Israel faced and overcame by God's power.
2. The people pray and the LORD answered their prayers UNLIKE the worthless and dumb idols.

Outline:

- A. Prayer for help (vv. 1-2)
- B. The Worthlessness of Idols (vv.3-8)
- C. Trust in the LORD (vv.9-11)
- C.' The Blessing of the LORD (vv.12-15)
- B.' The Wonders of the LORD (v.16)
- A.' Praise the LORD (v.17-18)

Observations:

1. We pray to God for His safekeeping.
2. Idol worship is vain and false worship.
3. God is worthy to be praised. He is the true and living God.
4. He is worthy of worship forever.

Lesson: Either you worship the One True and Living God or you are worshipping an Idol in vain.