

Women's Bible Study
"A Thematic Study of the Psalms"

Week 4
I. Love for God

I. ***God's praises***

1. Pure praise

Psalm 113 and the Egyptian Hallel (Pss 113-118)

¹Praise the LORD!

*Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!*

*²Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!*

*³From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!*

*⁴The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!*

*⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,*

*⁶who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?*

*⁷He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,*

*⁸to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.*

*⁹He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.*

Praise the LORD! (Ps 113:1-9)

*¹Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!*

*²For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.*

Praise the LORD! (Ps 117:1, 2)

Psalm 135, following the "songs of Ascent" (Pss 120-134)

¹*Praise the LORD!*

Praise the name of the LORD,

give praise, O servants of the LORD,

²*who stand in the house of the LORD,*

in the courts of the house of our God!

³*Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;*

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

⁴*For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,*

Israel as his own possession.

⁵*For I know that the LORD is great,*

and that our Lord is above all gods.

⁶*Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,*

in heaven and on earth,

in the seas and all deeps.

⁷*He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,*

who makes lightnings for the rain

and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

(Ps 135:1-7; cf vv 8-21)

Psalm 145, introducing the “Great Hallel” (Ps 146-150)

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

²*Every day I will bless you*

and praise your name forever and ever.

³*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,*

and his greatness is unsearchable. (Ps 145:1-3)

Psalm 150, concluding the Psalter

“We have now reached the last summit of the mountain chain of Psalms. It rises high into the clear azure, and its brow is bathed in the sunlight of the eternal world of worship. It is a rapture. The poet-prophet is full of inspiration and enthusiasm. He stays not to argue, to teach, to explain; but cries with burning words, ‘Praise him, Praise him, Praise ye the Lord.’ ...C. H. Spurgeon

¹*Praise the LORD!*

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

²*Praise him for his mighty deeds;*

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³*Praise him with trumpet sound;*

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴*Praise him with tambourine and dance;*

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵*Praise him with sounding cymbals;*

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!*

Praise the LORD! (Ps 150:1-6; cf Pss 146-149)

2. Is this the single most neglected aspect of prayer?