
I. INTRODUCTION TO PSALM 115

- A. A FAMILIAR SERIES** (115:1-18; The (Egyptian) Hallel; 113-118; note: Great Hallel, 136)
1. Passover, Weeks & Booths (Lev.23); new moon (Num.29:6); Dedication (Jn.10:22)
2. Passover meal: at beginning, 113,(114); at end, (114)115-118 (Mt.26:30; Mk.14:26; see Eph.5:19; Col.3:16)
- B. PUBLIC PRAISE** (115:1f,18; see 111:1,(10); 112:1,(9); 113:1,9; 114:7; 116:19; 117:1,2; 118:1,29)

II. THE ONE TRUE GOD (115:1-18; see 113:5; Dt.6:4=Mt.12:29; 1Cor.8:4b; 1Th.1:9)

- A. NOT TO US BUT TO YOU** (1a,b; see Is.48:11; Ezk.36:22; 1Jn.4:19)
B. YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS & TROTH (1c; 117:2; see Ex.34:6; 25:10; 40:10f; 57:3,10; 89:14; 138:2)

C. NATIONS: WHERE THEIR GOD? (2)

D. ISRAEL: THERE OUR GOD! (3a; see 16a; 103:19; Acts 2:33f; Eph.1:19f)

E. OUR GOD: HE DOES HIS DELIGHT! (3; 135:6; see 33:11; Dan.4:17,35; Eph.1:11)

F. THEIR IDOLS: EMPTY PROMISES (4-8; vs. 1c; see *Ps.135:15-18*)

1. made of earth (4a; vs.3a; see Dt.4:28; 29:17)
2. made by men (4b; vs. 15b; see Dt.4:28; Is.2:20; 31:7; Hos.8:4)
3. are empty promises (5-7; see 135; see Ps.31:6; Is.40:18f; 44:9f; Jer.10:1f; 1Cor.10:19f; Rev.9:20)
4. have reasonable, horrible result (8a; see 2Kngs.17:15; Jer.2:5; Rom.1:23f)
5. object of TRUST (8b; see Ps.31:6; Is.42:17; Habb.2:18)

G. ISRAEL: TRUST IN THE LORD (9f; see 4:5; 31:6; 37:3; 40:3; 125:1; Prv.3:5; Is.26:4; 36:7,15; Phil.2:24)

1. Israel, Aaron, Fear (9a, 10a, 11a)
2. help & shield (9b, 10b, 11b; see 33:20; 2Sam.22:36)
3. remembers, will bless (12a; b,c,13a; see 135:19,20)
4. small with great (13b; see 2Kngs.23:2; 1Chr.25:8; Acts 26:2; Rev.13:16; 19:18; see Gal.3:28)
5. blessing: increase; you & your children (14; see Gen.1:28f; Acts 2:39)
6. of the Lord: maker of heaven & earth (15; 9f; 121:2; 124:8; 134:3; 146:6; etc!; Gen.1,2; Acts 17:24)
7. summary: idols made by men who in them trust X trust in the Lord who made man & all (4f,8b X 9f,15)

H. THE HEAVENS OF THE LORD (16a; see 3,15; 11:4; 89:11,29; Heb.12:22)

I. THE EARTH TO MAN (16b; 14a; see 8:6; Gen.1:26f; 2:7f)

J. THE SILENT DEAD DO NOT PRAISE THE LORD (17; see 5a,7c; 8a; see 88:10; see 1Th.1:9)

K. WE WILL PRAISE THE LORD FOREVER! (18; 113:2; see 30:12; 145:1,2,21; Rom.1:25; Rev.5:13; 7:12)

III. TRUST IN THE LORD & BLESS HIS NAME! (see esp. 9,10,11 &18,1)

A. WORLD: WHERE IS YOUR GOD? (2; see 2Kngs.19:4,16; Ps.42:3,10; Is.25:9; 33:22; 2Pt.3:3f)

B. CHURCH: OUR GOD IS IN THE HEAVENS! (3; 16a; 103:19; 1K22:19; Acts2:33f; 7:55f; Eph1:19f /1Pt1:8)

C. MAKER OF HEAVEN & EARTH (15b; see Ps.121:2; 124:8; 134:3; 146:6; see Gen.1,2; 14:19,22; Ex.31:17; 2Kngs.19:5; 2Chr.2:12; Ezra 5:11; Dan.6:27; Is.37:16; Lk.10:21; Rom.1:19f; *Acts 17:24f*)

D. GOD GIVES THE INCREASE! (14; see Dt.1:11; 8:1f; Ps.144:12f; Acts 2:41,47; 4:4; Lk.8:3; 1Cor.3:6f; see Ps.105:12; Is.6:13)

E. THE FOOLISHNESS OF IDOLATRY! (4f; II,F above; see Mt.6:24-34; Col.3:5(Eph.5:5); 1Pt.4:3; Prov.23:4f; Is.31:1; Ps.62:10; see 1Th.1:9)

F. TRUST IN THE LORD AND BLESS HIS NAME! (9 vs. 8; and 18,1)

Discussion question:

Brethren, what shall WE do? (see Acts 2:37f)