

Evening Sermon Outline – August 8, 2021

“Praise the LORD” Psalm 113

- I. *Praise the LORD! Hallelujah! Though repeated in many Psalms, and within this Psalm, this worship of God is never vain repetition, rather we need to dwell on His worth and repeat His praise –*

- 1 **Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD! ² Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore! ³ From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD’s name is to be praised. Psalm 113:1-3 (NKJV)**

“These were not vain repetitions, for the theme is one which we ought to dwell upon; it should be deeply impressed upon the soul, and perseveringly kept prominent in the life.” Alfred Edersheim

Look at verse :3 in the morning we praised the Lamb – Revelation 5:8-14, this evening we sing God’s praises, MORE! Again and again!

Note:

1. *This is a Lord’s Day thing – Psalm 118:24*
2. *This is an all-day thing – Psalm 113:3*
3. *This is a forever thing – Psalm 113:2*

Practice praise! Perfect praise! Enjoy Praise!

Verse 1.—“Praise ye the LORD.” “Praise.” The הַלְלוּ is repeated. This repetition is not without significance. It is for the purpose of waking us up out of our torpor. We are all too dull and slow in considering and praising the blessings of God. There is, therefore, necessity for these stimuli. Then this repetition signifies assiduity and perseverance in sounding forth the praises of God. It is not sufficient once and again to praise God, but his praises ought to be always sung in the Church.—*Mollerus.*

If we’re not praising God 24/7

We are still on earth and not yet in heaven!

II. *The LORD is above all nations, above the heavens*

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⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. Psalm 113:4**

1. *World News, the Olympics, these things (and others like them) are often a big deal in our minds and hearts, and yet our God is Bigger!*
2. *God’s glory is above the Heavens!*
3. *God is above all His creation and worthy of the entire creation’s praise –*

¹³ **And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!” Revelation 5:13 (NKJV)**

III. *Who is like the LORD? His wonderful condescension –*

⁵ **Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high, ⁶ Who humbles Himself to behold *The things that are* in the heavens and in the earth? Psalm 113:5-6**

Ps. 113 God is both transcendent (vv. 4–6) and immanent (vv. 7–9); above creation but present with His people. Reformation Study Bible

*Verse 6.—“Who humbles himself to behold.”—*If it be such condescension for God to behold things in heaven and earth, what an amazing condescension was it for the Son of God to come from heaven to earth and take our nature upon him, that he might seek and save them that were lost! Here indeed he humbled Himself.—*Matthew Henry.*

1. *His knowledge of us and care for us is wonderful –*
⁶“Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Luke 12:6–7 (NKJV)

2. *Compare the two sparrow hair passages, and you realize even the 5th sparrow thrown into the deal for free, is valuable and cared for by God -*

Matthew 10:29–31 (NKJV)

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

The number of hair is 90,000 for redheads, 150,000 for blondes, 108,000 for black hair, and 140,000 for brown hair.

Verses 5, 6.—The unparalleled condescension of God. 1. None are so great, and therefore able to stoop so low. 2. None are so good, and therefore so willing to stoop. 3. None are so wise, and therefore so able to “behold” or know the needs of little things. 4. None are infinite, and therefore able to enter into minutia and sympathize with the smallest grief: Infinity is seen in the minute as truly as in the immense. C.H. Spurgeon

IV. What God does for and with men –

⁷ He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap, ⁸ That He may seat him with princes— With the princes of His people. Psalm 113:7-8

Verse 7.—“*He raiseth up the poor,*” etc. Gideon is fetched from threshing, Saul from seeking the asses, and David from keeping the sheep; the apostles from fishing are sent to be “fishers of men.” The treasure of the gospel is put into earthen vessels, and the weak and the foolish ones of the world pitched upon to be preachers of it, to confound the “wise and mighty” (1 Cor. 1:27, 28,) that the excellency

of the power may be of God, and all may see that promotion comes from him.—*Matthew Henry.*

¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.” Revelation 5:10 (NKJV)

V. What God does for and with women –

⁹ He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD! Psalm 113:9 (NKJV)

1. *Like Hannah, or Sarah, God eventually gives the barren woman children or*
2. *Like Amy Carmichael, who was an unmarried missionary, her spiritual children are her life and joy!*

Verse 9.—“*The barren woman*” is the poor, forsaken, distressed Christian church, whom the false church oppresses, defies, and persecutes, and regards as useless, miserable, barren, because she herself is greater and more populous, the greatest part of the world.—*Joshua Arndt, 1626–1685.*

Are we as a church a barren woman? God is able to give us children, this is the meaning of Isaiah 51 –

51 “Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the LORD: Look to the rock *from which* you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit *from which* you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah *who bore you*; For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him.” Isaiah 51:1-2

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV)

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