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PSALM 113:1-9

LESSON: ISAIAH'S GLIMPSE OF GOD'S THRONE—

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INTRODUCTION:

This is a psalm of praise to the unique God of Israel. The authorship is unknown, but with this psalm begins The **Hallel** (from the Hebrew “halal” which is used 76 times in the Psalter, and it means “praise”). Worshipers recited Psalms 113-114 at the beginning of the service and Psalms 115-118 at the end. It was reserved for use on the three of the great feasts of the Jews (i.e. Passover, Weeks, and Tabernacles). ¹This psalm is important to many Christians at Easter because they see God saving Israel from Egypt as a picture of Jesus saving people from death. ²This psalm is a song of praise for redemption by Christ, to be sung in Gospel times, when the name of the Lord should be known among all nations. It is thought by some to be an abridgment of the song of Hannah, 1 Samuel 2:1.

LESSON:

I. PSALM 113:1-3

113:1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. An essential command of ancient festivals given to Israel was to praise the Lord! All faithful Israelites are to give honorable admonition unto the Name of the Lord! We are not above the LORD, so a fear; a respect; a reverence is due Him! He is Creator; we are servants to the Creator! Throughout the bible God is represented by His name which is apart of His character. It is a privilege to praise the Lord!

113:2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. I know we wait for the praise leader to say, “*Saints let’s praise the Lord, blessed be the name of the Lord.*” Yeah, but there has to be an unction of the Spirit deep down who quickens your spirit to begin to bless the Lord with your mouths to say “*I bless You Lord; You woke me up; I lift Your name on high; You are Yahweh; You are the only God*” without someone saying or telling you to do so it. God didn’t make us robots. He made us to love and care about Him, for He shows up everyday for us! This highlights the eternal nature of God’s glory and the continuous call to honor His name.

Psalm 121:8 says “*The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*”

So, as He preserves us from this time and forevermore, let’s just bless and give Him the honor with our mouths! God You are Yahweh, Glorious, Faithful, Holy, and Righteous, I bless Your Glorious, Faithful, Holy, and righteous Name. That means we have a covenant relationship with Yahweh!

113:3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord’s name is to be praised. God gives us 24hrs in a day, from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same to praise His Name! So, there’s time; somewhere in our busy schedule while sitting, standing, walking, or

¹ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/psalms/psalm113-taw.htm>

² <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/gill/psalms/113.htm>

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driving to take time for God! And it's not when we're having a problem! If we are to honor mother and father, don't He deserve the Praise more, who made all?! **Praise You Lord**

II. PSALM 113:4-9a

113:4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. The Creator of Nations is above all Nations (*not in height, but in complete control*), and His Glory (*His Splendor and Beauty*) is above the heavens! This is just a glimpse of God's Superiority and His Majestic Radiance! He outshines all of His creatures, and His Creation! *"The LORD is King over every nation. He shines brighter than anything in the sky."*

113:5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,—Now the psalmist asks a question. *"Who can you compare to be like the LORD who dwells on high?"* The answer is Nobody! There is none who can create a universe, nor tell the waters to divide, nor be self-existent! There is none to be compared to God who dwells on high, yet live in our hearts! I'm so glad that there is only One true God!

113:6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!—The psalmist continues to say *"He bends down (humbles Himself) to look at the sky and the earth."* They are far below Him. Can you imagine God Almighty taking a glimpse of us? That's what He did when He came down from glory to earth, to give of Himself for us upon an Old Rugged Cross—He humbled Himself!

113:7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;—God does the raising (bringing you up) and the lifting (bringing you out). God sees the poor. And He sees the needy. Everyone at some time or another in life needs raising or lifting. Jesus lets us know in John 12:32 that, *"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."* This occurred when they lifted Jesus up upon an Old Rugged Cross, and crucified Him! That's what He came to do. And the Father Resurrected Him at the right time!

³**God raises up the poor out of the dust** pictures God stooping to ground level and physically lifting someone others overlook.

- This is not merely poetic; it is historical. God literally selected David, a forgotten shepherd boy, from the fields and made him king (1 Samuel 16:11-13; 2 Samuel 7:8).
- Ruth gleaned leftovers in dusty harvest rows, yet the Lord arranged her redemption through Boaz, placing her in Messiah's lineage (Ruth 2-4; Matthew 1:5).
- The same pattern surfaces when Hannah declares, "He raises the poor from the dust" (1 Samuel 2:8), a direct parallel that underscores God's consistent character.
- By mentioning "dust," the psalmist reminds readers that our Creator formed *Adam* from dust (Genesis 2:7); therefore, He has full authority to reshape destinies.
- For today's believer, this means no circumstance is too low for God's intervention.

God lifts the needy out of the dunghill pictures the place outside the city, where broken pottery and discarded items lie.

- God's hand goes into the filthiest places—think of Jesus touching lepers (Matthew 8:2-3) and eating with tax collectors (Luke 5:29-32)—illustrating the same heart revealed here.

³ https://biblehub.com/q/What_does_Psalm_113_7_mean.htm
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- “*Needy*” describes those lacking resources, help, or honor. In Jeremiah’s day, He promised, “*I will gather the remnant of My flock*” (Jeremiah 23:3), demonstrating His personal involvement with society’s castoffs.
- The *dump* also foreshadows salvation: Christ was crucified outside the city gate (Hebrews 13:12), taking our spiritual “*garbage*” onto Himself so He could lift us into fellowship with God.
- Practically, believers are called to mirror His compassion—visiting prisoners, aiding widows and orphans, and extending help where it appears hopeless (James 1:27; Matthew 25:35-36).

While Heaven is full of His glory, and Earth is full of His mercy, God is in the habit of raising and lifting mankind from the depths of his experiences; while being destitute and downtrodden; poor and needy. Why? The next verse tells why.

113:8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. God’s plans are all for our good while He gets the glory! God takes the castaways from the ash heap and makes them champions! He will set the nobodies; ordinary people and raise them out of the ashes to give them a seat with the prince even with the princes of his people.

- ⁴Abraham became the father of nations.
- The shepherd boy David slayed the giant Goliath—and later became king.
- Gideon and his little band of 300 soldiers defeated a mighty army.
- Mary, an ordinary young woman from an obscure town, became the mother of the savior of the world.
- Saul, the chief of sinners, became Paul, the chief of the apostles.

113:9a He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children.

- Hannah was barren. She prayed and made a vow to God, and God opened up her womb.

The power of God is unlimited. Not only can He make a prince out of a pauper, but He can make a mother out of a barren woman! Our unique and wonderful God while dwelling on high, shows compassion to us below.

III. PSALM 113:9b

113:9b Praise ye the Lord. it is little wonder why the psalmist concludes in the same way as he began, **Praise ye the Lord.** This goes to the Maker and Creator who is able to accomplish all things well! It’s good for us to have a grateful heart! Hallelujah!

SUMMARY:

⁵This psalm is in three parts:

- **verses 1 - 3:** The servants of the LORD know to praise and bless Him;
- **verses 4 - 6:** The servants of the LORD know He is very great and significantly glorious;
- **verses 7 - 9:** The servants of the LORD know He still gives help to those that need help.

⁴<https://sermonwriter.com/biblical-commentary-old/psalm-113/>

⁵ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/psalms/psalm113-taw.htm>

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In **verse 1**, the word "**hallel**" (or halel) comes 3 times. The first time is "**hallelujah**". It means *"that the LORD is very great"*, or in other words, *"praise the LORD"*. Then the psalmist tells the servants of the LORD to praise Him. The psalmist is the person that wrote the psalm. When he wrote the psalm, these servants were all Jews, but now they come from any country in the world! *"The name of the LORD"* tells us all about the LORD. Every Hebrew name for God means something different. The name LORD tells us that He is the Covenant God. In **verse 2**, "**bles**s" does not mean the same in Hebrew as "**praise**." When God blesses people, He gives them many things. When people bless God, they give Him all that they have. This includes praising Him; worshipping Him! In **verse 3**, some Bible students translate it, *"from when the sun rises to when it goes down."* This means *"praise God all day!"* Our translation means *"praise God in every part of the world!"* It is right to do both! (**113:1-3**).

A *nation*, in **verse 4**, is a country with a government. The LORD is King (Ruler) over every nation. Sometimes it does not seem as if He does. But we must believe that it is true! God has something that we call "**glory**", which means His splendor and beauty shines; is exalted above the heavens. There is nobody as great as He is. He sits and dwells on High (**verse 5**), on a *throne*, which is a special seat that a King sits on. This throne is in heaven so high above us, that God bends; humbles Himself to see the things that are in heaven, and in the earth, (**verse 6**) (**113:4-6**).

But God can see us. And He does give us help. **Verses 7** tell us some of the things that the LORD God does. Verse 7 is a good example of Hebrew poetry. Poetry is a special way to use words. Here, both parts of the verse mean the same. *"He lifts up poor people from the ground"* means the same as *"He raises up people that need help, from the ashes."* These poor people that need help are people with nothing: no home, no money, no food. It is as if they were part of the ground, or the ashes from a fire. They can hope for nothing, but it is the LORD who can do something for them! And there are many people who will say, *"He has; He did something for me!"* When we pray, the LORD is the God who likes to say "**Yes!**" **8** When He answers us, we feel like princes (the sons of kings) even the princes of his people. **9** He even lets barren women have children. "**Barren**" means *"cannot have a child."* There are stories about this in 1 Samuel 1 and Luke 1. And today, many people can say the same thing! So, the Psalm ends as it began: *"Hallelujah! Tell the LORD that He is very, very great!"* (**113:7-9**).