

PSALM 113 – *The Majesty and Condescension of God! Pure Praise to the LORD!*

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MAJESTY, WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY *Jack Hayford (3:12)*

Majesty, Worship His Majesty Unto Jesus Be Glory Honour And Praise Majesty, Kingdom, Authority Flows From His Throne Unto His Own His Anthem Raise

So Exalt, Lift Upon High The Name Of Jesus Magnify Come Glorify Christ, Jesus The King

Majesty, Worship His Majesty Jesus Who Died, Now Glorified King Of All Kings. Jesus Who Died, Now Glorified King Of All Kings.

PSALM 113 – Psalm one hundred and thirteen is also one of the Hallel psalms. It is a short little psalm of pure praise. No petitions, just praise to Him!

Psalms 113 through 116 are called the Hallel psalms. Hallel is praise. So, they are psalms of praise, and these six psalms are the psalms that are sung during Passover. On the first day of the Passover feast they begin the Passover meal with Psalm 113. At the end of the Passover meal, they sing Psalms 114 through 116. Those are all the Hallel psalms. (*Mat 26:30*) *And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.* Just think my Savior sang this Psalm on the very night of the Passover before He went to the cross for me! It was through Jesus, bloody and beaten hanging on that cross, that all of God's humility was demonstrated! His opening up His heavenly home for us! This Psalm always reminds us of giving Him great praise for His humbling Himself!

Who Is like the Lord Our God?

Psa 113:1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name (His character) of the LORD!

- ***Praise the LORD!*** or Hallelujah, praise to Jah Jehovah. Praise is an essential offering at all the solemn feasts of the people of God. Prayer is the myrrh, and praise is the frankincense, and both of these must be presented unto the Lord. How can we pray for mercy for the future if we do not bless God for His love in the past? The Lord has wrought all good things for us, let us therefore adore Him. All other praise is to be excluded, the entire devotion of the soul must be poured out unto Jehovah only. “
- ***Praise, O servants of the LORD.*** You above all men, for you are bound to do so by your calling and profession. If God's own servants do not praise Him, who will? You are a people near to Him, and should be heartiest in your loving gratitude. While they were slaves of Pharaoh, the Israelites uttered groans and sighs by reason of their hard bondage; but now that they had become servants of the Lord, they were to express themselves in songs of joy. His service is perfect freedom, and those who fully enter into it discover in that service a thousand reasons for adoration. They are sure to praise God best who serve Him best; indeed, service is praise.
- ***Praise the name of the LORD!*** Extol His revealed character, magnify every sacred attribute, exult in all His doings, and reverence the very name by which He is called. The name of Jehovah is used three times in this verse, and may by us who understand the doctrine of the Trinity in Unity be regarded as a thinly veiled allusion to that holy mystery. Let Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all be praised as the one, only, living, and true God.

Psa 113:2 Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!

- ***Blessed be the name of the LORD.*** While praising Him aloud, the people were also to bless Him in the silence of their hearts, wishing glory to His name, success to His cause, and triumph to His truth. By mentioning *the name*, the Psalmist would teach us to bless each of the attributes of the Most High, which are as it were the letters of His name; not quarrelling with His justice or His severity, nor servilely dreading His power, but accepting Him as we find Him revealed in the inspired word and by His own acts, and loving Him and praising Him as such. We must not give the Lord a new name nor invent a new nature, for that would be the setting up of a false god. Every time we think of the God of Scripture we should bless Him, and His august name should never be pronounced without joyful reverence. “***From this time forth.***” If we have never praised Him before, let us begin now. As the Passover stood at the beginning of the year it was well to commence the new year with blessing Him who wrought deliverance

for His people. Every solemn feast had its own happy associations, and might be regarded as a fresh starting-place for adoration. Are there not reasons why the reader should make the present day the opening of a year of praise? When the Lord says, "From this time will I bless you," we ought to reply, "Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth!"

- ***From this time forth and forevermore! Eternally!*** The Psalmist could not have intended that the divine praise should cease at a future date however remote. "**For evermore**" in reference to the praise of God must signify endless duration: are we wrong in believing that it bears the same meaning when it refers to gloomier themes? Can our hearts ever cease to praise the name of the Lord? Can we imagine a period in which the praises of Israel shall no more surround the throne of the Divine Majesty? Impossible. Forever, and more than "forever," if more can be, let Him be magnified.

Psa 113:3 From the rising of the sun to its going down (From the beginning to the end of the day; East to west, the whole world)***The LORD's name is to be praised.***

- I am certain that none of us are as faithful as we should be in our praises unto the Lord. I think that is one of our great weaknesses in faith is that we don't praise Him enough. "**From the rising of the sun to its going down, the name of the Lord is to be praised**"
- From early morn till eve, ceaseless hymn should rise unto Jehovah's throne, and from east to west over the whole round earth, pure worship should be rendered unto His glory. So ought it to be; and blessed be God, we are not without faith that so it shall be. We trust that ere the world's dread evening comes, the glorious name of the Lord will be proclaimed among all nations, and all people shall call Him blessed. At the first proclamation of the gospel the name of the Lord was glorious throughout the whole earth; shall it not be much more so ere the end shall be? At any rate, this is the desire of our souls. Meanwhile, let us endeavor to sanctify every day with praise to God. At early dawn let us emulate the opening flowers and the singing birds.,
- It is a marvel of mercy that the sun should rise on the rebellious sons of men, and prepare for the undeserving fruitful seasons and days of pleasantness; let us for this prodigy of goodness praise the Lord of all. From hour to hour let us renew the strain, for each moment brings its mercy; and when the sun sinks to his rest, let us not cease our music, but lift up the vesper hymn.

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

- ***The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.*** Though the Gentiles knew Him not, yet was Jehovah their ruler: their false gods were no gods, and their kings were puppets in His hands. The Lord is high above all the learning, judgment, and imagination of heathen sages, and far beyond the pomp and might of the monarchs of the nations. Like the great arch of the firmament, the presence of the Lord spans all the lands where dwell the varied tribes of men, for His providence is universal' this may well excite our confidence and praise.
- ***His glory above the heavens.*** higher than the loftiest part of creation; the clouds are the dust of His feet, and sun, moon, and stars twinkle far below His throne. Even the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him. His glory cannot be set forth by the whole visible universe, nor even by the solemn pomp of angelic armies; it is above all conception and imagination, for He is God: infinite. Let us above all adore Him who is above all.

Psa 113:5 Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high,

- ***Who is like the LORD our God?*** The challenge will never be answered. None can be compared with Him for an instant; Israel's God is without parallel; our own God in covenant stands alone, and none can be likened unto Him. Even those whom He has made like Himself in some respects are not like Him in godhead, for His divine attributes are many of them incommunicable and inimitable. None of the metaphors and figures by which the Lord is set forth in the Scriptures can give us a complete idea of Him, His full resemblance is borne by nothing in earth or in heaven. Only in Jesus is the Godhead seen, but He unhesitatingly declared "He that has seen Me has seen the Father."
- ***Who dwells on high?*** In the height of His abode none can be like Him. His throne, His whole character, His person, His being, everything about Him, is lofty, and infinitely majestic, so that none can be likened unto Him. His serene mind abides in the most elevated condition, He is never dishonored, nor does He stoop from the pure holiness and absolute perfection of His character. His saints are said to dwell on high, and in this they are the reflection of His glory; but as for Himself, the height of His dwelling-place surpasses thought, and He rises far above the most exalted of His glorified people.

Psa 113:6 Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

- God is so vast, and God is so great that to look upon the things in heaven or upon the earth it takes a humbling of God. He is high above all nations; His glory is above the heavens. It is incomprehensible. He is an infinite God. He is beyond our capacity to really understand or to conceive the greatness and the awesomeness. We sang “Our God is an awesome God” but we don’t know a tenth part of it, a fraction of it. He is so awesome and so great, He humbles Himself. That’s really the sign of greatness is that of humility. He humbles Himself to behold those things that are in heaven and in the earth. Oh, how wonderful that He has a soft spot in His heart for man! That in all His greatness and majesty, cares for and loves me! How low He is willing to go to have a relationship with me! **(Joh 14:23)** *Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.*

Psa 113:7 He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

- ***He raises the poor out of the dust.*** This is an instance of His gracious stoop of love: He frequently lifts the lowest of mankind out of their poverty and degradation, and places them in positions of power and honor. His good Spirit is continually visiting the down-trodden, giving beauty for ashes to those who are cast down, and elevating the hearts of His mourners till they shout for joy. These upliftings of grace are here ascribed directly to the divine hand, and truly those who have experienced them will not doubt the fact that it is the Lord alone who brings His people up from the dust of sorrow and death. When no hand but His can help He interposes, and the work is done. It is worthwhile to be cast down to be so divinely raised from the dust.
- ***And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,*** whereon they lay like worthless refuse, cast off and cast out, left as they thought to rot into destruction and to be everlastingly forgotten. How great a stoop from the height of His throne to a dunghill! How wonderful that power which occupies itself in lifting up beggars, all befouled with the filthiness in which they lay! For He lifts them *out of* the dunghill, not disdaining to search them out from amidst the base things of the earth that He may by their means bring to nought the great ones, and pour contempt upon all human glowing. What a dunghill was that upon which we lay by nature! What a mass of corruption is our original estate! What a heap of loathsomeness we have accumulated by our sinful lives! What reeking abominations surround us in the society of our fellow men! We could never have risen out of all this by our own efforts, it was a sepulcher in which we saw corruption, and were as dead men. Almighty were the arms which lifted us, which are still lifting us, and will lift us into the perfection of heaven itself. Praise you the Lord!

Psa 113:8 That He may seat him with princes—With the princes of His people.

- ***That He may seat him with princes—***He elevates us to royalty! The Lord does nothing by halves: when He raises men from the dust He is not content till He places them among the peers of His kingdom. We are made kings and priests unto God, and we shall reign for ever and ever. Instead of poverty, He gives us the wealth of princes; and instead of dishonor, He gives us a more exalted rank than that of the great ones of the earth.
- ***With the princes of His people.*** All His people are princes, and so the text teaches us that God places needy souls whom He favors among the princes of princes. He often enables those who have been most despairing to rise to the greatest heights of spirituality and gracious attainment, for those who once were last shall be first. Paul, though less than the least of all saints was, nevertheless, made to be not a whit behind the very chief of the apostles; and in our own times, Bunyan, the blaspheming tinker, was raised into another John, whose dream almost rivals the visions of the Apocalypse. “Wonders of grace to God belong, Repeat His mercies in your song.” Such verses as these should give great encouragement to those who are lowest in their own esteem. The Lord pours contempt upon princes; but as for those who are in the dust and on the dunghill, He looks upon them with compassion, acts towards them in grace, and in their case displays the riches of His glory by Christ Jesus. Those who have experienced such amazing favor should sing continual hallelujahs to the God of their salvation.

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

- ***He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children.*** The strong desire of the easterners to have children caused the birth of offspring to be hailed as the choicest of favors, while barrenness was regarded as a curse; hence this verse is placed last as if to crown the whole, and to serve as a climax to the story of God’s mercy. The glorious Lord displays His condescending grace in regarding those who are despised on account of their barrenness, whether it be of body or of soul. Sarah, Rachel, the wife of Manoah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and others were all instances of the miraculous power of God in literally fulfilling the statement of the Psalmist. Women were not supposed to have a house till they had

children; but in certain cases where childless women pined in secret the Lord visited them in mercy, and made them not only to have a house, but to keep it. You women who have been having difficulties with pregnancy, take that as a promise.

- **Praise the LORD!** Hallelujah! I wonder if the thought was of David in verses seven and eight of raising the poor out of the dust and the needy out of the dunghill. David was nothing but a shepherd and God said, "I took you from the shepcote, from following after the sheep, and I made you the ruler over My people". David never forgot that. He never forgot how marvelous was God's grace towards Him. He was nothing, just a simple little shepherd boy following sheep on the hillsides out around Bethlehem, yet God took David and placed Him on the throne. God takes the poor out of the dust that He might set him with the princes, even with the princes of His people.
- In reading this Psalm, no one could ever think that he is missing out on something, by following the LORD!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY – Graham Choir – (2:26)

1 To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.(Refrain)

3 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

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PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD

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