

PSALM 117 – *Let All Peoples Praise the LORD! The Lord's Faithfulness Endures Forever! – A Twice Given, Challenge, a Command to All the Nations, to All the People, Praise the LORD!*

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PRAISE TO THE LORD – Joachim Neander; Billy Graham choir (1:41)

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the king of creation! O my soul, praise Him, For He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Praise Him in adoration, Oh, Praise to the Lord!

PSALM 117: Another one of the Hallel psalms, a very short one. Again, it is one that was sung by Jesus in the Passover feast. This Psalm, which is very little in its length, is exceedingly large in its spirit; for, **bursting beyond all bounds of race or nationality, it calls upon all mankind to praise the name of the LORD.** In all probability it was frequently used as a brief hymn suitable for almost every occasion, and especially when the time for worship was short. It would have served to open a service to conclude it. It is both short and sweet. **The same divine Spirit which writes at length in Psalm 119, here condenses His utterances into two short verses, but yet the same infinite fullness is present and perceptible.** It may be worth noting that this is at once the shortest chapter of the scriptures and the central portion of the whole Bible. This psalm has been used on several important occasions. It was used at the first inauguration of President Eisenhower. Two Bibles were used. One of them was George Washington's Bible, and it was opened at *Psalm 127!*

Psa 117:1 Praise (Hallel – 165x) the LORD, all you Gentiles (nations)! Laud (shabach – extol in loud tone – used 11x) Him, all you peoples (umma – everybody)!

- **Through the death of Christ, which gives us cause, salvation is now to be offered to all the world and taken to the world!** Jesus said to His disciples **“Go to all the world. Preach the gospel to everyone!”** So Psalm 117 says **to take it to the whole race of people, to all of the nations and to all of the people. Praise the LORD!** Why do we praise the Lord? (***Rom 15:11***) ***And again: “PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YOU GENTILES! LAUD HIM, ALL YOU PEOPLES!”*** (***Gen 12:3***) ***I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*** (***Act 3:25b***) ***AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.***

Psa 117:2 For His merciful kindness (chesed – mercy joined with kindness) is great (gabar – strong, powerful) toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD! (Psa 85:10-11) Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. [11] Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

- **A beautiful little short psalm here joining the whole the world to praise the Lord for His merciful kindness is great.** When we look at the things that are transpiring in the world today, God is merciful, and God is kind in that He has not already wiped-out mankind! Surely we are deserving, that is the world apart from Christ, the judgement of God. Thank God we have escaped the judgement of God through our faith in Jesus Christ. We are no longer appointed to wrath. The day of God’s wrath is coming and it appears that it can’t be too far off.
- **Peter said that in the last days,** “They are willingly ignorant that God destroyed the world with a flood”. The judgement of God came upon those people that were existing at the time of Noah. They came to the place where they went too far. God’s mercy is great, but there is a limit. God said at the time of Noah “My spirit will not always strive with man.” What was happening at the time of Noah? We read that “Everyone was doing that which was right in his own eyes” or the philosophy of existentialism had prevailed in that society, you make your own rules of what feels good, or if it’s wrong or right to you.
- **People don’t like to think about a God of judgement.** God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. The final straw was the blatant parading of the homosexuals, the defiance of God’s natural law.

- **The traditions of Sodom and Gomorrah of parades, festivals and the homosexuals becoming militant and aggressive forcing there lifestyle.** It's Sodom and Gomorrah all over. Pornography, the United States has become the pornographic capital of the world. Free sex, no indecent exposure laws. You don't have go far to see the things that existed in the decadent age of Israel. Then with it the unwanted pregnancies and the aborting of more than sixty million plus babies so far.
- **The things that brought the judgement of God on Israel are prevalent today.** How can we think by any stretch of our imagination that we can escape the judgement of God when we are doing the very things that brought God's judgement upon Israel, upon Sodom and upon the world? We are living in a fool's paradise if we think that we can do these things without pain by experiencing the judgement of God upon our lives.
- **If there ever was a time when the church ought to be desperate before God in our prayers and intercession for our nation, it is today!** His merciful kindness is great towards us but His truth endures forever. In truth and in righteousness God will judge. God, if you're a child of God, "There is therefore no condemnation, no judgement Jesus beareth forth". No fear of judgement but I fear for the world, concern for the world.



RESOLUTIONS:

Five principle points of doctrine:

- 1 First, **the calling of the Gentiles.** The Apostle Paul being the interpreter, (*Rom 15:11*) **And again: "PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YOU GENTILES! LAUD HIM, ALL YOU PEOPLES!** But in vain might the Prophet invite the Gentiles to praise Jehovah, unless they were to be gathered into the unity of the faith together with the children of Abraham.
- 2 **The summary of the Gospel,** namely, the manifestation of grace and truth, the Holy Spirit being the interpreter, (*Joh 1:17*) **For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**
- 3 **The end of so great a blessing,** namely, the worship of God in spirit and in truth, as we know that the Kingdom of the Messiah is spiritual.
- 4 **The employment of the subjects of the great King** is to praise and glorify Jehovah.
- 5 **The privilege of these servants.** That, as to the Jews, so also to the Gentiles, who know and serve God the Savior, eternal life and blessedness are brought assured in this life, and prepared in heaven.

THE LOVE OF GOD - Frederick Lehman – Phelps, Penrod & Gardner (4:24)

*The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.*

*Refrain: Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill? And were the skies of parchment made?
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade?
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky. (Refrain)*

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PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!

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