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PSALMS 103, 113, & 116

Psalms of Praise

OVERVIEW OF PSALM 103

- 1-5 David individually should praise God.
- 6-19 Israel & all nations should praise God.
- 20-21 The angels of heaven should praise God.
- All of God's creation should praise Him.
- 22 David individually should praise God.

PSALM 103:1

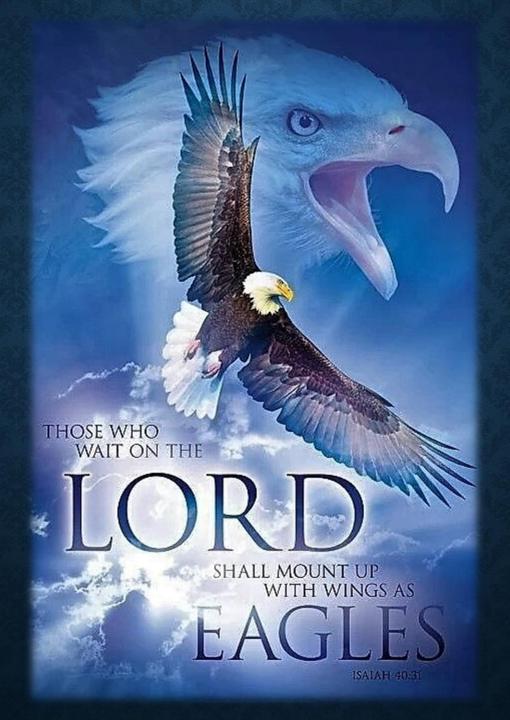
- Bless [Praise] the LORD, O my soul,
 And all that is within me [all my inmost being],
 bless [praise] His holy name (NASB [NIV]).
- Bless = to praise God for Who He is and what He has done, to express gratitude by how we live and what we say (including speaking, singing, praying—in church and out of it) doing so genuinely, from the heart

PS. 103:1 "HIS HOLY NAME"

- El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
- El Elyon (The Most High God)
- Adonai (Lord, Master)
- Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
- Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
- El Olam (The Everlasting God)
- Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
- Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

PS. 103: DAVID PRAISES GOD FOR

- 1. Forgiveness (3)
- 2. Healing (3)
- 3. Physical & Spiritual Redemption (4)
- 4. Lovingkindness (4)—Steadfast Love (chesed)
- 5. Compassion (4)
- 6. Satisfaction (5)
- 7. Physical & Spiritual Renewal (5)



EXODUS 34

- 6—Then the LORD passed by in front of him [Moses] and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;
- 7—who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who
 forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will
 by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting
 the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the
 grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

ROMANS 11:22

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness.

GOD'S GRACE & MERCY

- Grace—God is giving us what we do <u>not</u> deserve. Example: salvation
- Mercy—God is <u>not</u> giving us what we <u>do</u> deserve. Example: condemnation



- John 3:18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (NKJV).
- "He not only stands in awe of Him as great and fears punishment for sin, but also sincerely fears offending His holiness" (Beisner 203).

PSALM 113

- First of the Hallel (Praise) Psalms
- Ps. 113-114—Sung before the Passover meal.
- Ps. 115-118—Sung after the meal.
- Hallelujah = Praise the Lord (vs. 1 & 9)

PSALM 113

- 1-3 Call to Praise
- 4-9 Basis for Praise
 - Who God is
 - What He does
- 1 Sam. 2:8—He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap To make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of honor (Hannah's Song).

PSALM 113

God's glory is equally at home "above the heavens" (4) and at the side of one forlorn person (9).

"Who is like the LORD our God"! (5).

PSALM 116:10-11

- "I kept my faith, even when I said,
 'I am greatly afflicted.' I said in my
 consternation, 'Everyone is a liar'"
 (NRSV).
- To feel crushed or disillusioned (perhaps by "comforters" like Job's) and to say so is not to lack faith.

PAUL QUOTES 116:10 IN 2 COR. 4:

- 12 So death works in us, but life in you.
- 13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak,
- 14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

WHY PRAISE GOD?

- Because He is worthy (Ps.18:3; 113:5)
- Because we are commanded to (Ps.113:1)
- Because praise and worship are transforming. We become like the God we worship (Ps. 115:8; 2 Cor. 3:18).
- Because praise enhances and completes our enjoyment & appreciation of God (Ps. 16:11)

WHY PRAISE GOD?

- Because praise heals our emotions by taking our thoughts off ourselves and our problems (Ps. 116:7)
- Because praise may release God's power on our behalf (2 Chron. 20:22)
- Psalm 103 has inspired the hymn by H. F.
 Lyte: "Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven."

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;



To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Evermore his praises sing.

We sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

We sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor To our fathers in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

We sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

We sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

Angels in the height adore him;

Ye behold him face to face.

Saints, triumphant, bow before him,

Gathered in from every race.

We sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

We sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.