

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THE LORD IS GOOD

PSALMS 135

Text: Psalms 135:3

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³ Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

Introduction:

This psalm from the beginning to the end is a psalms of praise to God.

The first and last sentences of the psalm are the same and encourage us the praise the Lord.

Notice:

Sermon Content:

1. THE CALL TO PRAISE (VS. 1-3)

Psalm 135:1-3

¹ Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD. ² Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God, ³ Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

The theme of the psalm is stated in the first sentence of the psalm is a call to praise.

Note:

A. The Person to Praise (vs. 1)

Psalm 135:1

¹ Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.

This will certainly seem obvious to each who are here tonight – we are to praise the Lord.

The Bible doesn't encourage us to praise all the things that men praise today.

If one praises filth they will oppose praising purity.

We see not only the person to praise but also we note:

B. The People for Praise (vs. 1-3)

Psalm 135:1-3

¹ Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD. ² Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God, ³ Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

There are two different groups mentioned here:

- Servants (vs. 1)

Psalm 135:1

¹ Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O **ye servants of the LORD.**

Those who serve the Lord should be first to praise the Lord.

- Spectators (vs. 2)

Psalm 135:2

² **Ye that stand in the house of the LORD,** in the courts of the house of our God,

The message is that all people should praise God.

We note not only the Person to praise and the people who are the praise but note also:

C. The Pronouncement in Praise (vs. 3)

Psalm 135:3

³ *Praise the LORD; for **the LORD is good**: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.*

The reason that Lord is worthy of praise is because the “Lord is good.”

One way we praise the Lord is singing praise unto His Name.

Understand:

Music is to be used to praise God not promote evil morals.

Satan has achieved quite a victory in our churches by getting people to believe their junky popular music is actually praising God because of the words.

It is more than words—it is the beat in the music that sends a message, and the beat in the music in many churches today is not sending a sacred message of praise to God.

Let me quickly note also:

D. The Pleasure in Praise (vs. 3)

Psalm 135:3

³ *Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; **for it is pleasant.***

Satan would have us believe that praise to God is a dull and boring activity, and that his program is where pleasure is at.

But he is a liar and has it just backwards. His program does not bring lasting spiritual pleasure, but praising God does.

Now that we have considered the Call to Praise let's consider:

2. THE CAUSE FOR PRAISE (VS. 4-14)

Psalm 135:4-14

⁴ *For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.* ⁵ *For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.*

⁶ *Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.* ⁷ *He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.* ⁸ *Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.* ⁹ *Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,*

upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants. ¹⁰ Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; ¹¹ Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan: ¹² And gave their land for an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people. ¹³ Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations. ¹⁴ For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

Notice a cause to praise is because of:

A. His Character (vs. 5-6)

Psalm 135:5-6

⁵ For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. ⁶ Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

The Lord is great, above all gods. He did that which pleased Him in Heaven and Earth, in the Seas and all Deep Places.

Not only is His Character cause for praise but also:

B. His Control (vs. 7)

Psalm 135:7

⁷ He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.

God controls the weather.

The weather is very difficult for man to predict, and the best predictions are often very wrong.

God controls the weather and brings it on the earth as He sees fit.

Not only is His Character and Control cause for praise but also:

C. His Conquering (vs. 8-11)

Psalm 135:8-11

⁸ Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. ⁹ Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

¹⁰ Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

¹¹ Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:

God takes care of His enemies and the enemies of His people.

There are many other causes the Praise the Lord but let's consider lastly:

4. THE CONCLUSION IN PRAISE (VS. 19-21)

Psalm 135:19-21

¹⁹ Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron: ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD. ²¹ Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

The last three verses of the psalm are very much like the first three verses in that they exhort men to give praise to God.

The Person to Praise

The People for Praise

Close:

All believers should be filled with praise for God at all times.

God never changes therefore we should:

- Praise God fervently
- Praise God continually
- Praise God publicly
- Praise God privately
- Praise God intelligently – our praise is based on Who He is and what He has done, and continues to do.