

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

WHO IS LIKE UNTO THE LORD

PSALMS 113

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⁵ Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

Introduction:

The first three verses of this Psalm stand as a call and a challenge for the people of the Lord to be involved in His praise.

1. The Plea to Praise God (v. 1)
2. The Process Of Praise To God (v. 2a)
3. The Practice Of Praise To The Lord (v. 2b-3)

In the remaining verses of this Psalm, we are given some reasons why we are to be involved in this matter of praise. It is those reasons that I want to focus in on this evening.

We are to Praise the Lord:

1. BECAUSE OF HIS GLORY (VS. 4-6)

Psalm 113:4-6

⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. ⁵ Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, ⁶ Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

A. He Is Exalted (vs. 4)

God is greater than all the glory of the nations. He is greater than all the glories of Heaven. When the nations are gone and the saints fill Heaven, that lofty place will ring with His praises.

B. He Is Exceptional (vs. 5)

Where are the dead and forgotten gods of Egypt, Greece and Rome?

Where are the deities of ancient Europe, which our ancestors bowed before?

They are all gone away to ash heap of forgetfulness.

One day it will be asked, where is Buddha?

There is none like the Lord! He is beyond our comprehension!

C. He Is Extraordinary (vs. 6)

Psalm 113:6

⁶ Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

It is amazing that God would even look into the things that take place upon the earth. Yet, His eye is on the sparrow and the very hairs of our heads are numbered!

Not only are to Praise the Lord Because of His Glory But also:

2. BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE (VS. 7)

Psalm 113:7

⁷ He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

Note:

A. The Grace of His Reaching Down

It is unspoken but implied in this verse that God reaches down to us. If it is amazing that He should “look” upon the earth, how much more amazing that He would reach into the mess of this world to lift us out!

But, even more amazing is the fact that He would move into this world to rescue us from our sins. Yet, this is just what He did.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

There was just one reason why.

Luke 19:10

¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Note not only The Grace of His Reaching Down but also:

B. The Grace of Raising Up

Psalm 113:7

*⁷ He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and **lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;***

The reference here is to those people who are forced to search in the dust of the earth to try and scratch a bare living.

Note not only The Grace of His Reaching Down and Raising Up:

Not only are to Praise the Lord Because Of His Glory and Because Of His Grace but also:

3. BECAUSE OF HIS GREATNESS (VS. 8-9)

Psalm 113:8-9

⁸ That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. ⁹ He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

Note:

A. He Conquers Our Problems (vs. 9)

The image of a childless woman is used to illustrate despair and distress.

God can do the things that seems impossible.

Close:

The Lord is worthy of our praise.

Is He getting the praise He deserves?

He is worthy and He deserves all the praise we can give Him!