

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN

Scripture: Psalm 113:1-9

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### Introduction:

- A. Only one Hebrew word is used in the translation "Praise ye the Lord." It really means "Hallelujah."
  - B. This Psalm along with Psalms 114-118 are all called HALLELUJAH Psalms: They are all used by the Jews in public and private celebrations of the major Jewish Holy Days. They also convey some great lessons of recognition and praise for all of God's people in every generation.
- I. LEARN THAT WE ARE CALLED TO PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD. vs. 1-3
- A. In these verses our attention is called to THE NAME OF THE LORD 3 times.
  - B. Five times the word PRAISE is used.
    - 1. One time in verse 3 we are informed of the fact that the Lord's NAME is to be praised.
    - 2. In the Model Prayer Jesus instructed His disciples to praise the NAME of the Lord God. HALLOWED IS THY NAME.
    - 3. Four times we are commanded to praise His NAME.
  - C. "O ye servants" are commanded to praise the NAME of the Lord.
    - 1. Some narrow this down to spiritual Israel.
    - 2. It seems to me that all creation is included..
      - a. God created all.
      - b. He created all for His glory.
      - c. Every facet of creation is to glorify the Lord God to praise the Name of the Creator.
  - D. The NAME of the Lord is to be praised FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND FOR EVERMORE. v.2
    - 1. This includes all of our life on the earth.
    - 2. It seems to project into eternity also.
  - E. Establishes the time element—and the place. v.3
    - 1. All the day.
    - 2. Thus, where we are and with whom we may be found.
- II. LEARN WHY THE LORD GOD IS WORTHY OF PRAISE. vs. 4-9
- A. Because the Lord is high above all.
    - 1. He is above all nations—all people.v.4
    - 2. His glory is above the heavens. v.4
    - 3. There is no one like the Lord. He stands alone in a class by Himself. v.5
    - 4. Verse 5 tells us that the Lord dwells on high.
    - 5. The Jerusalem Bible translates this—ENTHRONED SO HIGH, HE NEEDS TO STOOP TO SEE THE SKY.
  - B. He is worthy of PRAISE BECAUSE He humbled Himself to behold the things in heaven and in earth.
    - 1. Nothing escapes His all seeing eye
    - 2. Nothing escapes His interest.
    - 3. He saw man's need and humbled Himself to satisfy the needs of man. Phil. 2:6-8
  - C. He is worthy of PRAISE Because of what His concern and love enabled Him to do for every man.
    - 1. It enabled Him to raise up the poor out of the dust and the needy out of the dunghill. v.7
      - a. The LOST

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- b. The TROUBLED SAVED
- c. ISRAEL
- 2. It enabled Him to raise us up and cause us to sit as princes in the kingdom of God.  
Rev. 20:6 v.8
- D. He is to be PRAISED Because He concerns Himself with the private needs of each of His people.
  - 1. The needs of a barren woman to bear children. v.9
    - a. Verses 7 and 8 are a direct quote from the song Hannah sang following the birth of Samuel
    - b. Mary also included this in her song that she sang to her cousin Elisabeth.
  - 2. Whatever these needs are, our Lord is concerned with them and within His will He moves to care for them.

### CONCLUSION:

- A. We have all been blessed by the Lord in this life; the greatest blessings are yet in the future.
- B. For all His blessings we honor Him and praise His holy Name BECAUSE HE IS WORTHY.