

Psalm 115

Psalms 115:1 [New King James] *“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth.”*

The Psalmist is emphatic that Israel should put the Creator God first, they were concerned to say before anything else in their prayers, “Hallowed by Your name,” [“to Your name give glory.”]

Matthew 6:9 [New King James] *“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.”*

Jesus Christ starts the model prayer in the same way.

Exodus 20:1-7 [New King James] *“And God spoke all these words, saying: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.’”*

The Creator God is a jealous God and does not like His name to be treated lightly, [**Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:23-24; Isaiah 42:8**].

The Creator God has every right to be praised and glorified, and be jealous of His name because of His mercy towards humanity whose existence is totally dependent on Him. Also the truth of Who He is, the One and only Creator God.

When we are challenged as to where is our God and invisible at this time to human eyes, being in the third heaven, [**Psalms 115:3**] outside of this universe, [the second heaven] and the atmosphere of this earth [the first heaven].

We know of this present invisible Triune God because One Person of the Triune God came down from His throne in the first heaven, [John 1:1-3] to the earth that He had created to live in human form so that through His life and teaching we can know exactly what the Triune God is like, the Father God being the originator of all that the true God does, [John 14:7-11].

Psalms 115:4-7 [New King James] *“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell; they have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat.”*

This shows the futility of worshipping manmade gods yet most humans have been deceived by Satan into doing exactly this, [Revelation 12:9].

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The prophet Isaiah taunts the people who in his generation were worshipping dead idols, [**Isaiah 44:6, 9-17**].

Isaiah 44:18 [NIV] *“They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so that they cannot see, and their minds closed so that they cannot understand.”*

This is as true today as in Isaiah's day.

Psalms 115:8 [New King James] *“Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them.”*

All who put their trust in any thing or person other than the One and only Creator God are lacking godly wisdom in their speech, are blind to the truth, and refuse to hear the truth, do not walk on the path in life that the Creator God desires they would.

Psalms 115:9-11 [New King James] *“O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.”*

All must trust in the Creator God, **not** just the nation of Israel, **nor** only those who have a professional religious status, **nor** only those who have a reputation for religion, but every human being.

Psalms 115:12-15 [New King James] *“The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great. May the LORD give you increase more and more, You and your children. May you be blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”*

Assurance in the Creator God sets apart God's true people.

Note the words *“both great and small.”*

This trustful attitude is expressed in prayer that is grounded in the almightiness of the true God exemplified in His creation of the universe.

Psalms 115:16 [New King James] *“The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; but the earth He has given to the children of men.”*

Included in the physical blessing that comes from the earth is also a period of physical life on it.

Psalms 115:17 [New King James] *“The dead do not praise the LORD, nor any who go down into silence.”*

We cannot praise the Creator God in the grave, [**Psalms 6:5; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; Luke 12:16-21**].

The *“human”* spirit that gives us the ability to make choices and plan our life, [**Job 32:8; 1 Corinthians 2:11; Proverbs 20:27**], that was given by God, [**Zechariah 12:1**] returns to God, [**Ecclesiastes 12:6-7; Acts 7:59**] at our death.

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-44 [New King James] *“But someone will say, ‘How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?’ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain, perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.” ... “So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”*

It is into the new body that the “human” spirit is placed at our resurrection, within it all our memories and most important, our character.

Psalms 115:18 [New King James] *“But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!”*

So now is the time we should be continually praising and thanking our Saviour and Creator God.