

When You Praise God for His Majesty and Need to See That One Facet of His Majesty Includes Condescension.

Background

Psalm 113 begins a group of Psalms, the "Hallel"

The group of Psalms that is _____ is known as the Egyptian "Hallel." At the family celebration of the Passover Pss 113 and 114 were sung at the beginning of the meal and Pss 115-118 at the end (Matt 26:30; Mark 14:26.)¹ This last _____ probably, was "the hymn" which our Lord and His Apostles are said to have sung after His last Passover.²

A Call for the Servants of the Lord to Praise him, 1-3

You should respond to the _____ of praise, v 1.

Four times in this opening stanza the servants of the LORD are exhorted to praise, refers to publicly proclaiming the praise.

Bless (NIV Praise) his name = to reflect quietly on the attributes of the Most High

By mentioning *the name*, the Psalmist would teach us to bless each of the attributes of the Most High, which are as it were the letters of his name; **not quarrelling with his justice or his severity, nor servilely dreading his power, but accepting him as we find him revealed in the inspired word and by his own acts, and loving him and praising him as such.**³

You should be committed to _____ praise, 2b.

Now... and evermore.

Never a time when it is inappropriate.

You should long for _____ to sing his praise, 3a.

Universal, not limited to Israel.

This is the heart of missions, so that people of all nations may know this GREAT God.

Reason for his Praise, 4-6

He is _____, 4-5.

Set up on high, don't forget this.

"But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!" 1 Kings 8:27.

¹ Allen, *Psalms*, pp. 99, 100.

² Perowne, *Psalms*, p. 322.

³ Spurgeon, *Treasury of David*, p. 31, vol. 3.

He _____, v 6.

He _____ the “disenfranchised,” v 7-9.

Probably a reference to return from captivity.

For it is generally understood that after the return from the Exile Israel’s state was a rather discouraging one. She might be likened to the poor man sitting on the ash heap (v. 7) or to the childless mother of the household (v. 9).⁴

Clearly a reference to 1 Samuel 2:8!

God cares for the disenfranchised, the genuinely humble person.

So what?

God is exalted, but not _____.⁵

See 1 Samuel 2:8; Isaiah 57:14-16; Matthew 20:25-28, Luke 1:48,52; Matt 18:4, 23:12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; Phil 2:1-11; James 4: 5-10.

God’s glory is that even though he is exalted, he _____ to the meek, the _____ person.

Isaiah 57:14-16

_____ **should be like that, too!**

Phil 2:3-11

Luke 9:46-48.

In Psalm 113:7-9... “Each case shows both the **compassion** of the **LORD** for the helpless and the **change** that occurs in human arrangements because of his mercy.”⁶

Both should be true of you

Compassion towards disenfranchised.

Change in behavior towards them.

To do this is to be like your _____ !

Think of someone along your pathway of life that you ought to serve. Do it today!

Who is God?	What has he said?	What has he done?	What does that mean to me?

⁴ Leupold, *Psalms*, p. 789.

⁵ Kidner, *Psalms*, p. 402.

⁶ Mays, *Psalms*, p. 362.