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# When the Problems are Insurmountable, and You are Distressed, Weakened and Greatly Discouraged

*Psalm 115*

## BACKGROUND

Many scholars place it in the post-exilic situation when Israel was being set free and allowed to go back to land and homes that had been devastated, to an economy that was in ruins, to a county that had been raped by the pillages of war and neglect. People were discouraged, there was so much to do, resources seemed so thin. The throbbing long-term demoralizing and depressing problems led to a sense of hopelessness.

## In the midst of any problem, people need to be reminded of the _____ _____, v1.

***The issue isn't so much of what the problem has done to someone, as great as that may be. The issue is how to live life in a way that reflects on God and his glory, v 1.***

**A person's hurt and discouragement may be great.**

**The bigger issue is how to handle hurt and sorrow in a way that please God and bring him glory. Life isn't about ____, it is about ___.**

***Who is God, what has he said, what has he done and what does that mean to me?***

**"Love and faithfulness," v 1c.**

## In the midst of problems, people many receive searing _____ and verbal _____, v 2.

You'll never make it. It is hopeless. God has let you down. If God is good, why has he let this happen to you? Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic.

## People need to be reminded of your God's _____ and your taunter's God's _____, 3-8.

***Who is God, What has he said, what has he said, what has he done and what does that mean to me?***

**He is in control, v 3 alive, powerful, in heaven.**

***And therefor worthy of your trust, praise and obedience.***

**They are dead, lifeless, and it is foolish to trust in them, 4-8.**

## All people great and small are encouraged to _____ in Jehovah, 9-13.

***House of Israel, Aaron, "those who fear"***

**_____, 9-11**

***Take God at his word and act accordingly***

**He is a _____and a _____, 9-11**

***He aids in difficult times***

*He protects in difficult times*

**He _____, 12**

*Does not imply that he forgot, but he chooses to act according to his promises.*

**He _____, v 13**

*He chooses to act kindly, positively in ways that are genuinely helpful*

**Small and great**

***Not just super saints he helps, but all kinds of saints he helps.***

**In the form of a prayer, the people are reminded that the Lord will "add" to needy, humble people,[1] -14-15**

*It isn't hard for the maker of heaven and earth to meet the needs of his people, 15.*

**God made his domain and man's, v 15.**

**_____, give him glory and praise, he is worthy!**

## All people are encouraged to praise Jehovah _____ while they are in their God-given domain, 16-18.

***God is in heaven, ruling wisely and perfectly from that place, v 16a***

***For now, man is called on to live life and bring praise to God on _____ (v1), 16b.***

***Dead people can offer no praise to God on this earth, v 17.***

***Whether things are going well or not, while man has life and breath, _____ is the time to praise God. This is his chief objective, to praise God and enjoy him, 18.***

**By trusting him, 9-11**

*He is loving and faithful, v 1.*

*He is a help and shield, 9-11.*

*He will remember and bless, 12-13.*

**By seeking God's glory, not simply personal relief, v 1.**

**But God does grant relief in his time and way to those who trust in him.**

***God is good to bring trials into our lives to get our _____ and remind us of the joy that will be ours when we _____ _____ _____ _____ him.***

| Who is God? | What has he said? | What has he done? | What does that mean to me? |
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[1] Remember the statement of Psalm 113:7-9