

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 113

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 113

## Introduction

This psalm is another of the Hallelujah Psalms, and there will be five more in succession (114 – 118). These psalms were sung by the congregation of Israel at the Feast of the Passover, the Feast of Pentecost, Feast of Tabernacles, and possibly on other occasions, such as the Feast of Dedication. According to Wiersbe, Psalm 113 and 114 were sung before the Passover Meal, and Psalms 115 – 118 were sung after the meal. Because of the emphasis in Psalm 114, this small collection of psalms was called “The Egyptian Hallel.”<sup>1</sup>

*"When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;"* (Psalm 114:1)

### I His Commandment to Praise (vs. 1 – 3)

*"Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD."* (Psalm 113:1)

*"Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore."* (Psalm 113:2)

*"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised."*  
(Psalm 113:3)

In all three of these verses the “name” of God is referenced. God’s name is to be praised:

*"Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."* (1 Chronicles 29:13)

The psalms command us to praise the name of the Lord:

*"I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high."* (Psalm 7:17)

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<sup>1</sup> Wiersbe, W. W. (2004). *Be exultant* (1st ed., p. 83). Colorado Springs, CO: Cook Communications Ministries.

*"I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High." (Psalm 9:2)*

*"I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee."  
(Psalm 22:22)*

*"In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah." (Psalm 44:8)*

*"I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever." (Psalm 45:17)*

*"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30)*

*"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." (Psalm 100:4)*

The only thing that God places above His name is His Word:

*"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." (Psalm 138:2)*

## **II His Condescension to (vs. 4 – 6)**

*"The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens." (Psalm 113:4)*

*"Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high," (Psalm 113:5)*

*"Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!" (Psalm 113:6)*

### Turn to Philippians 2

*"(9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11)*

*"(8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (9) (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? (10) He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)" (Ephesians 4:8-10)*

*"(3) O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." (Psalm 34:3)*

### III His Compassion for People (vs. 7 – 9)

God doesn't just condescend to watch His people. He touches even the lowest of the low.

*"He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;" (Psalm 113:7)*

*"That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people." (Psalm 113:8)*

*"He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD." (Psalm 113:9)*

Turn to Luke 7:36 – 50

Turn to John 8:1 – 11

*"(1) When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. (2) And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. (3) And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (4) And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them." (Matthew 8:1-4)*

Jesus is still touching lowly sinners today. In fact, he is willing to condescend much lower than many of His servants are.

*"(16) Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits." (Romans 12:16)*

*"(3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Romans 12:3)*