

A PSALM OF PRAISE ON MOTHERS DAY

PSALM 113

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1 Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

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- **See the greatness of God and the goodness of God in the midst of wearisome and hard times.**

Outline

1. God's name is the greatest (vv. 1-3)
2. God's throne is the highest (vv. 4-6)
3. God's love is the kindest (vv. 7-9)

Big idea: **Seeing the greatness and the goodness of God in all of life.**

I. GOD'S NAME IS THE GREATEST (VV.1-3)

1 Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

v. 1 = “O servants of the Lord,” – Who were they?

Psalms 34:22 - The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Psalms 136:1,22 - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever...a heritage to Israel his servant,

Isaiah 41:8-9

But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off";



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Isaiah 42:6-7

I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,

a light for the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Simeon - “for my eyes have seen your salvation...a light for revelation to the Gentiles.

Paul – For so the Lord has commanded us saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles,

that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Every true believer is a servant of the Lord

V. 1 – “praise the name of the Lord”

V. 2 – “Blessed be the name of the Lord”

V. 3 – “the name of the Lord is to be praised.”

- “name”
 - the character of God and His glory
 - the revelation of God and all He does

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Malachi 1:11-12

11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

2. GOD'S THRONE IS THE HIGHEST (VV.4-6)

4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Psalms 57:5

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

Psalms 99:2

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Ephesians 4:10- He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.



3. GOD'S LOVE IS THE KINDEST (VV. 7-9)

7 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

Psalms 136:6-9

To him who spread out the earth above the waters,

to him who made the great lights,

the sun to rule over the day,

the moon and stars to rule over the night,

for his steadfast love endures forever;



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- The needy are seen and recognized by God.
 - V. 7 – “He raises the needy...from the ash heap”

Who's name is the greatest?

Who's throne is the highest?

Who's love is the kindest?

Only Jesus!

