

SUMMER PSALMS

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 113

SERIES: Summer Psalms

TITLE: The Nearness of Yahweh

BIG IDEA: Praise the Lord because He is God, He is worthy, and He has lifted us up.

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!

“There is no kind of captivity or slavery so hard and powerful that there is not an exit for the people of God.... [So] let us think about ... our own deliverance by which ... Christ himself the Son of God as our leader led us forth, not from Egypt, but from the kingdom of Satan, ... the great force of sin, the great force of death.”

WOLFGANG MUSCULUS

Psalms of David



v.1-3

1. WORSHIP INSTEAD

Application Question: What would our lives look like if we worshiped instead of complained?

- What are the most common things we tend to complain about?
 - o What does this reveal about us?
- According to these verses, why do we praise instead?
- How does better understanding and remembering God's character lead us to praise?
- How can we practically worship instead?

v.4-6

2. ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Application Question: Who is like the Lord OUR God?

- Why are the questions in these verses so powerful?
- How does remembering WHO God is provide practical and concrete help to us?
- What is the significance of the word "our" in verse 5?

v.7-9

3. LIFT YOUR HEAD, THE LORD HAS LIFTED YOU

Application Question: How has the Lord lifted you up?

- What do these verses teach us about God's compassion?
- Why is it difficult to believe the Lord is working when our circumstances haven't improved?
- What does it mean that the Lord brings people up from "the dust" and "the ash heap?"