

Psalms Handout Week Twenty-One

Intro: Egyptian Hallel

Mat. 26:27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Ps. 113

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,

Praise the name of the LORD.

Ex. 34:5 The LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the Lord. Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished...."

D. Kidner: Worship is the loving homage of the committed ones to the Revealed One.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD/ From this time forth and forever.

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting/ The name of the LORD is to be praised.

When?

Where?

4 The LORD is high above all nations (goy);

His glory is above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells/is enthroned on high,

Isa. 40:25 To whom then will you liken Me that I would be his equal?' says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, the One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing.

1 Tim. 6:15 He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion!

6 Who humbles Himself to behold/ The things that are in heaven and in the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust/ And lifts the needy from the ash heap/dung pile,

8 To make them sit with princes,/ With the princes of His people.

9 He makes the barren woman abide in the house/ As a joyful mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

The ash heap:

Eph. 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Col. 1:21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

Jn. 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.

Jn. 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Ps. 114

**1 When Israel went forth from Egypt,/ The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
2 Judah became His sanctuary (qodesh/holy place),/ Israel, His dominion.**

3 The sea looked and fled; The Jordan turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, The hills, like lambs.

5 What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

6 O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, O earth, before the LORD, Before the God of Jacob,

Rev. 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence *earth and heaven fled away*, and no place was found for them.

8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of water.

Mat. 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

Jn. 19:32 So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Jn. 4:13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Ps. 115

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us,/ But to Your name give glory

What is the chief end of man? The answer—

...Because of Your lovingkindness (chesed/grace), because of Your truth.

2 Why should the nations say, “Where, now, is their God?”

3 But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, The work of man's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; They have eyes, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; They have noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; They have feet, but they cannot walk;

They cannot make a sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them will become like them, Everyone who trusts in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD;/ He is their help (ezer) and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;/ He is their help (ezer) and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;/ He is their help (ezer) and their shield.

Ezer:

Gen. 2:18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper (ezer) suitable (kenegdo) for him."

12 The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us;

He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, The *small together with the great.*

14 May the LORD give you increase, You and your children.

15 May you be blessed of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the heavens of the LORD,/ But the earth He has given to the sons of men.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor do any who go down into silence;

18 But as for us, we will bless the LORD/ From this time forth and forever.

Praise the LORD! (Hallelu Yah)

The afterlife?

1 Jn. 5:11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

And the singing in our forever life will, at least sometimes, be a call and response kind of thing.

Rev. 19:5 And a voice came from the throne, saying,

"Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great."

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

Ps. 116

1 I love the LORD, because He hears (imp.-always) My voice and my supplications.

2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

3 The cords of death encompassed me And the terrors of Sheol came upon me;

I found distress and sorrow.

4 Then I called (kept calling) upon the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I beseech You, save (deliver) my life (soul)!”

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is compassionate (racham).

Rom. 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

6 The LORD preserves the simple/lowly/foolish; I was brought low, and He saved me.

7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Rest-

8 For You have rescued my soul from death, My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling.

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

9 I shall walk before the LORD In the land of the living.

-I am going to press on

-I am going to survive

Phil. 1:19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

10 I believed (I kept my faith even) when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”

11 I said in my alarm, “All men are liars.”

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Paul- “I believed, *therefore* I have spoken, but I was greatly afflicted....”

2 Cor. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you. But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “*I believed, therefore I spoke,*” we also believe, therefore we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

12 What shall I render to the LORD/ For all His benefits toward me?

13 I shall lift up the cup of salvation / And call upon the name of the LORD.

14 I shall pay my vows to the LORD,/ Oh may it be in the presence of all His people.

Lift up-

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints/ godly ones.

**16 O LORD, surely I am Your servant, I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid,
You have loosed my bonds.**

Yes, but...

Precious:

Acts 2:24 But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

How now shall we live?

17 To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,/ And call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I shall pay my vows to the LORD,/ Oh may it be in the presence of all His people,

19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Ps. 117

1 Praise the LORD, all nations; Laud (address in a loud tone) **Him, all peoples!**

2 For His lovingkindness (chesed/cov. grace) **is great** (mighty, prevails) **toward us,**

And the truth of the LORD is everlasting.

Praise the LORD!

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CS Lewis: I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because praise doesn't merely express enjoyment, it completes it.

Praise is for

Rom. 15:7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written...

“Praise the Lord all you Gentiles, And let all the peoples praise Him.”

J. Piper-- Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man.

Rev. 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Discussion