

Psalm Chapter 113 - Review

In chapter one-hundred-thirteen, part 1, we learned this Psalm is the *third* of the three “Hallelujah” Psalms that *Praises* the Lord (YHVH) for His *everlasting* mercy, *and* goodness towards us. But this Psalm also begins what were called the ‘Great Hallel’ Psalms (Psalms 113-118). For, in olden times, Psalms 113 through 114 were sung by the congregation at the *beginning* of the Passover celebration; and Psalms 115 through 118 were sung by the congregation at the *end* of the Passover celebration. Thus, it was likely one of these Psalms (possibly Ps 118) that Jesus sang, with His disciples, after the very first Communion (Math 26:30). And we saw this Psalm 113 begin by calling us to praise the Lord *three times*, which was done for *emphasis*. Once call was to praise the Lord with a ‘hallelujah’, the second was a call for His *servants* to praise (celebrate) Him, and the third was a call to praise His ‘*name*’ (honor, authority and character). And then the Psalmist said the Lord’s (YHVH’s) name (honor, authority and character) should be praised at *this time, always and forever*. So, no matter when we live (what generation we are in) we should remember to praise (celebrate) our Heavenly Father for His everlasting mercy, and goodness, towards us. And then the Psalmist also called us to praise (celebrate) the Lord (YHVH) *all the day long*, which simply means to strive to keep His Word (and ways) in our heart (desires, feelings, intentions and motivations) and mind (thoughts), *throughout the day*, so we can *learn to obey Him* (from the heart) *regardless of what* happens during the day. Yet, it also means setting a good example (via our *good* words and works) to help others learn how to praise (and worship) our Heavenly Father.

And then we learned our Heavenly Father (YHVH) is truly ‘high above’ all nations on earth. And that is not only in a *physical* sense, but also a *spiritual* sense. In the spiritual sense, our Heavenly Father is ‘high above’ all nations because His ways, works, *and* thoughts are way far above all others. And, in the physical sense, He’s ‘high above’ all nations because He’s in a higher *dimension* that *we cannot see*, while in our flesh body. Yet the wonderful thing is that: He has promised, if we learn to think (and desire) like He does (by putting off our ‘old man’ and putting on the ‘new man’) we’ll be given an *eternal* body, like Jesus Christ has (Phil 3:21). So, if we allow His Word (and Holy Spirit) to ‘raise’ our inner man (to a higher level of thinking *and* desiring that which is good), then He will give us a ‘higher’ body that is *eternal* – just as He did for Jesus Christ, *after* He raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Phil 3:21)! And we also learned that the Lord’s (YHVH’s) glory is also ‘high above the heavens’; which (again) simply means that He’s in *another dimension*, that’s truly on a *much* ‘higher’ level than the physics of this earthly (fleshly) dimension, which is *why* we cannot see Him with our flesh eyes. Yet, He thought it good to come to this earthly dimension (as Jesus Christ) to teach us His ‘ways’ (and thoughts) and to shed His *own* blood to atone for our sins (Heb 2:14)! And that truly shows **just how much our Heavenly Father loves us**. Further, *because of* the blood Jesus Christ shed to atone for our sins, we can now be *spiritually* close to our Heavenly Father (even though we still cannot see Him) via the indwelling of His precious Holy Spirit *within us* (1 John 4:9-17).

In part 2 we learned of a figure of speech (*Erotosis*, apx 6) the Psalmist used to express *wonder* and *admiration* for our Heavenly Father. In particular, the Psalmist was amazed by the fact that, while the Lord (YHVH) dwells ‘on high’ (i.e. lives in Heaven, in His Holy Temple), He still humbles Himself to watch (even investigate) at what’s going on in ‘heaven’ and ‘in the earth’. And He does so to see what His creation is doing (even *thinking about* doing, or *wanting* to do), be it good or bad (for He alone can read our heart and mind, *no matter who we are*). And, while He can certainly do this from His throne in heaven (as Psalm 11 points out), *there are times He actually comes down to earth to do so*. And we also learned *how* He’s able to do this, i.e. via His flying vehicle, which other Psalms speak of (Ps 18:10, 68:4, 104:3). And Ezekiel himself saw it, and even gave us a really good (detailed) description of it (Ezek 1, 10). In fact, we learned there were *many* times the Lord (YHVH) *literally* came down to speak to His children, and for various reasons. But one example, in particular, showed us how He came down to *investigate*; which is when He (and a couple other angels) came down to see if Sodom and Gomorrah were really as bad as they had heard (Gen 18). This tells us our Heavenly Father doesn’t come to earth for frivolous reasons; He comes down for *very important* reasons. That’s why He also came down when freeing Israel from Egyptian bondage, to help them inherit the Promise Land, and also to fight for Israel, even after they had entered the Promise Land; and yet *more* times even after that.

And, of course, our Heavenly Father even came down to earth, *incarnated* into a flesh body (as Jesus Christ) to teach the truth *and* to atone for our sins. And that is truly when He ‘humbled Himself’ *the most*! Yet, we also learned that, even *before* God was incarnated as Jesus Christ, it was *still through* Jesus Christ (which is simply His *body* that He manifests Himself to us as) that He came to earth *before* He was incarnated. So, whenever our Heavenly Father wanted to come to earth, He did so via His ‘angel’ (which simply means messenger), who was Jesus Christ. In other words, when our Heavenly Father (or any angelic being) wants to come to earth, He still had to put on a *material* body (not flesh, but a *different* kind of *material* body) to do so, as the study on the **Spiritual and Material Dimensions** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>] explains *very well*. However, now that God *already* came to earth in a flesh body (as Jesus Christ), and then rose Him from the dead, Jesus now has an *eternal* body that is *also interddimensional* (Lk 24:30-31, 35, 43; John 20:19, 26). And that is the body He will be returning with! And, what’s also *really* great, is that: those who remain *faithful* servants to Him (even during the ‘great tribulation’) will *also* get that kind of body (*eternal and interddimensional*) when Jesus Christ returns, at His Second Advent (Phil 3:21). But we also learned that, *not everyone* who comes down to earth, from heaven, *is good*. For Satan, and his fallen angels *also* did so (Gen 3, 6) for very evil purposes. And they will also be *coming back* (before Jesus Christ returns) for the *evil purpose* of trying to get the *entire* world to worship Satan (and his wicked ‘beast’ governing system). That’s why Jesus Christ comes back ‘with a vengeance’ to pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ upon those who remain rebellious (unrepentant).

And this teaches us that, the man who wrote this Psalm 113, *must* have understood that our Heavenly Father has, quite literally, ‘came down’ from ‘on high’ to the visit those on the earth. And he brought this point out, in this Psalm, because this Psalm is praising (celebrating) our Heavenly Father for His holy (righteous) characteristics. And the fact is that, our Heavenly Father – while He does dwell ‘on high’ – is not arrogant or haughty. So, He doesn’t feel ‘too good’ to come to the earth, even in a flesh body (as Jesus Christ) as He commanded of us (Gen 1:26-27). And the *reason* He ‘humbles Himself’ to, not only look at what goes on in earth (even in the hearts and minds of His children, good and bad alike), but also to *literally* come down (at times), is simply because **He loves us**, as the famous John 3:16 verse points out. And that truly, is *all the more* reason to praise (celebrate) our Heavenly Father.

In part 3 we learned *why* our Heavenly Father humbles Himself (even coming to earth *Himself* at times; and even *into the flesh* as Jesus Christ), to watch what goes on in the earth (and heaven). For, our Heavenly Father is a *refuge for the oppressed, even in times of trouble* (Ps 9:9). Thus, our Heavenly Father hears (from His throne, in heaven, Ps 11) the cries of those who are oppressed (ex: Ex 3:7, 22:21-24; Jud 2:18) and *will* do something about it, *especially* when the earthly governments *do not*. And then we learned of several analogies that explain how our Heavenly Father helps those who are oppressed. The terms ‘dust’ and ‘dunghill’ are both *analogies* to explain the poverty, and degradation, that those who are oppressed (poor and needy) experience. Yet, our Heavenly Father promises to raise (lift up) those who are oppressed, if they humbly love, fear and obey Him. And we also learned that our Heavenly Father doesn’t choose rulers because of their wealth, status or their good looks. He chooses those who are indeed ‘lowly’ which means they are humble (and thus obedient) to Him (1 Cor 1:26-31). After all, *that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God* (Lk 16:15).

And, that’s why verse 8 said that, it’s those who are ‘poor’ and ‘needy’ that will be ‘raised up’ so that the Lord (YHVH) will *set him with princes, even with the princes of his people*. While God doesn’t raise everyone who is poor and needy to be rulers (although He *will* help them when they earnestly cry out to Him for help, Ex 22:21-24), the Psalmist was simply pointing out that God *often* uses those kinds of people to be rulers *because of* their humility *and* dedication to serving Him. After all, pride (for his beauty and wisdom) was one of the *main* reasons Satan became corrupted (in the first earth age) and began to rebel against God, even teaching (and seducing) others to do the same, as Ezek 28 so clearly explains. And that’s why, as God is working (via Jesus Christ) to build His eternal government (the Body of Christ), He looks to those who are humble *and* willing *to obey* Him. And we also learned the Psalm 113:7-8 verses were *also* spoken by Hannah (the mother of Samuel, the prophet) when she prayed a *beautiful* prayer (of praise) that truly was also quite *prophetical*, as was this Psalm 113. For, when Psalm 113:7-8 spoke of how the Lord (YHVH) will **raise** those who are ‘poor and needy’ (hated by the world, *for Jesus’ sake* - Matt 10:22, Matt 24:9, Mark 13:13, Luke 21:17-19; John 15:18), he was truly prophesying how the Lord (YHVH) would raise **up** those who are humble to be ‘rulers of His

people’. As Rom 8:14-17 points out, those who are led by the Holy Spirit of God, are considered (by God) to be His ‘children’. And that means we are *heirs of God*, and *joint-heirs with Jesus Christ*! And that means, when Jesus returns, He will ‘lift us up’ *to positions of authority* (and power) *to rule with Him*, in His eternal government (kingdom). But that’s only if we’re willing to suffer (for His sake, to bring His Word to His children) in this life (2 Tim 2:12). And the *reason* we must suffer (for Jesus’ sake) is because we are commissioned to take the truth (God’s Word) to a world that’s (for the most part) quite rebellious.

And then we saw the Psalmist end this great ‘praise’ by speaking of how the Lord (YHVH) will make the barren woman (who cannot conceive, #6135) to ‘keep house’ (dwell, or remain at home, #3427) and *joyfully* (gleefully, #8056) care for her children. And, in the physical sense, there are *many* examples of this; from Sarah (Gen 11:30), to Rebekah (Gen 25:21), to Rachel (Gen 29:31) to Elizabeth (John the Baptist’s mother, Lk 1:7). And, Hannah was also *physical* example of how the Lord (YHVH) does this (1 Sam 1-2) *and* she even sang a song, praising the Lord (YHVH) for *what this very verse speaks of*! So, it is quite appropriate this beautiful Psalm ended with a ‘story of Hannah’s life’, when Hannah herself spoke of what verses 7-8 (in this Psalm 113) also wrote about. Yet, this verse is also prophetic, for Jesus warned us that there would be a great deception shortly before He returns (Matt 24:23-24; Mark 13:21-22; Luke 21:8), which other Scriptures also warn us of (ex: Rev 13:13-14, 2 Thess 2:3-4). And that’s why Jesus also warned, *woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days* (Mth 24:19; Mk 13:17; Luke 21:23). However, He was not talking about a woman being *physically* pregnant. He was warning us not to be *spiritually* impregnated with Satan’s *lies*, as Paul warned of also in 2 Cor 11:1-4, 13-15.

And that’s why *only* those who are **not** deceive into worshipping Satan (who remain *spiritual* virgins for Jesus Christ, 2 Cor 11:2) will be considered the ‘barren’ ones when Jesus Christ returns (Luke 23:28-31, Isa 54:1-8, Gal 4:21-31). Thus, it is only those ‘barren’ ones who Jesus Christ will make to ‘keep’ His house, and be a joyful mother of His children! In other words, it is *only* those who remain *faithful* to the *true* Jesus Christ who will be allowed to govern God’s children when Jesus Christ returns. For Jesus will not allow anyone who has been spiritually seduced (and impregnated) by Satan to be His spiritual ‘wife’ (those who reign with Him) *because* they are not *spiritual* virgins anymore; for they *lost* their *spiritual* virginity to Satan when they believed his lies and worshiped him, even *working* to do (spiritually ‘nursing’) his evil will (Mth 7:21-23). Therefore, *only* those who *remain true* to the *true* Jesus Christ will be allowed to govern with Him, when He returns, i.e. be His *spiritual* ‘wife’, who *joyfully* ‘nurses’ God’s children via *teaching them the truth* during the Millennium (Ezek 44:23-24; Rev 20:4-6, etc.). So, this precious Psalm 113 isn’t just a lovely *song of Praise*, and it’s not just *prophetic*, it also includes a dire warning for us to make sure we don’t let the ‘old serpent’ (Gen 3, Rev 12:9, 20:2) to *spiritually* seduce us into his *spiritual* bed of lies...

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

*14 For we are made partakers of Christ, **if** we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;*

Heb 3:12-14

Praise Ye the Lord - Hallelujah!

AMEN.