

Not to us, but to You

Our study of the *Majesty of God* takes us to a contrast from those who do not know the Lord. It is thought that Psalm 115 was written after the return from Babylonian captivity. Around the people of God were those who worshipped idols. This passage was a great reminder to Israel.

Psalms 115

Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
But to Your name give glory
Because of Your lovingkindness, 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 and their shield.

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

¹¹ You who fear the LORD, trust in the
LORD;

He is their help and their shield.

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!

Overview of Ps 115

1. There is a strong worship theme in this chapter

Give g_____ to your name (1)

T_____ in the Lord (9)

F_____ the Lord (11)

B_____ the Lord (18)

2. God is described as:

- r_____ (1-3)

- l_____ (3-8)

- g_____ (9-15)

1. God is our h_____ (9)

2. God is our s_____ (9, 10)

3. God is mindful of us (12)

4. God will b_____ us (12)

The word "bless" is used
more than 5x

Observations:

1. The nations ask, "Where is your God?" (2)

• Why would they ask that?

• What was Israel's answer?

• How is God different than the idols?

• How did the Psalmist turn the nation's question on them?

- Isa 46:1-7

Three Thoughts Come from this:

1. It is easy to
manufacture a god that we
like:

- what are examples of this:

The Presence of God

1. Ex 33:18-23 backside of God
2. Rev 1:17 fell as a dead man
3. Isa 6:5 crumbled under weakness
4. Luke 5:8 recognized holiness

2. The hidden hand of God is not an indication of His absence

3. We become what we worship (Lev 10:3; 2 Cor 3:18;
2 Pet 1:4)

How has God helped us?

An example of God's help is in Josh 10:13 when the sun
stood still. What happened?

**By declaring that the earth has been given to us
(16), what is the conclusion?**

Why do the dead not praise the Lord (17)?