

Age. It's a natural process that comes to every person on earth... Pastor Billy has just completed 27 years as a Prison Minister and gives his testimony as to the greatness of the Lord and His covering for all those years. It is the praise and worship of His people that brings us close to Him. He is always there, but we are not always aware until we praise, worship, reach out, and recognize the fire that He is...

Psalm 113:1-9 Who is like the Lord our God!? This short psalm asserts His greatness and the worthiness of praising and worshipping so great a God. Too often the church sees our God as too small, but He is not!

How big is YOUR God??
"Bigger Than Any Mountain"

Great and gracious, God is the answer to common pain. It is likely this psalm was sung during the time of Jesus possibly even in the room on the night he was betrayed. Matthew 26:30 "They sang a hymn and went to the Mount of Olives..."

Psalm 113 in sections

Vs 1-3 The call to praise the Lord and when

Vs 4-9 Why we should, even must, praise our God

Vs 4-5 He is great

Vs 6-9 He is gracious & the psalmist tells of His promises

Who He is shows through His dealing with the poor & downtrodden

The Call to Praise the Lord

His servants are to praise Him at all times.

Don't be ashamed to not do what you used to do ~

don't stay silent around others! Often we need to be stirred up to praise Him.

The call is there to remind us of the when ...

Psalm 9:1-2 Make the choice and praise! Praise is giving thanks for Who He is and saying thank you for each aspect of His nature!

Remember that our inward attitudes become our outward expressions..

Look for attributes in both the psalms and in the songs we sing to remind ourselves of Who He is, what He has done for us, and what He will continue to do, as long as we keep our eyes on Him and our faith unswervingly in Him.

Psalm 146:1-2 A command to praise and a commitment to do so all through life.

Praise is focusing our hearts on God.

Psalms 146-150 are the models and teachers of how to really praise the Lord. Praise can be both spontaneous and deliberative...

Praise takes our minds off our problems and leads us to consider and appreciate God's character, lifting our perspectives from the earthly to the heavenly, from the flesh to the Spirit!

Ps 106:2 Genuine praise is heartfelt and appropriate. Start by spending more time meditating on His Word and enjoying the Lord. Praise completes enjoyment. Delighting in the Lord and His creative works leads us to realize just how powerful He is and how blessed we are, especially in our redemption! Psalm 113:1-3!

Isaiah 41:89 He has chosen us

Psalms 34:22 the Lord is our redeemer and the redeemer of all His servants God is our maker, deliverer, provider, our help in time of need, our rock, our salvation..

Psalms 134:1-2. Lift up your hands and Bless Him!

1 Peter 2:9 We who believe are a chosen generation! Royal, a nation, a holy people because He has redeemed, bought and paid for. He has chosen us to be His servant.

James tells us God inhabits our praises, even when everything in the flesh seems to be going wrong.

Exodus 3:5 Holy ground! Worship is the first encounter with holiness, so if needed adjust your attitude when approaching the throne of heaven and He Who reigns from there... Preparing to worship is the key to fully worshiping. Get rid of the contamination and be prepared to worship in holiness!

Psalms 81:1-3 Sing! Make a joyful noise!!