

Opening Day of a Season of Praise

Psalm 113

¹ 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!

We should praise God (1-3) for his greatness (4-6) and his grace (7-9)

“Man’s chief work is the praise of God.” Augustine

PRAISE THE LORD! (1-3)

Those who serve God have the first responsibility to praise him (1)

We should praise God’s character (2a)

There is no time when we should not praise God (2b-3)

PRAISE GOD HE RULES OVER ALL (4-6)

God is exalted (4)

There is no one like God (5)

While God is exalted, he stoops down to care for people (5-6)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LOVING ACTS OF CARE (7-9)

God meets us at our point of need

He lifts up the poor (7-8)

He gives children to the childless (9)

PRAISE THE LORD! (9)

Let today be Day One of a year of praise!