

Bible Study 03-25-2026

**Title:** A Call to Praise

**Scripture:** Psalm 113:1-9

Psalm 113 is the first of the six (113-118) hymns of praise sung during the Jewish feast. Psalm 113 and 114 were sang before the Passover meal and the other four afterwards. These were probably the songs that Jesus and the apostles sang in the upper room on the night that He was betrayed. Although the author of this great psalm is anonymous, the message speaks loud and clear, "The Lord is to be praised."

**1** *Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord.*

Hallelujah! The whole community of believers everywhere are called upon to praise The Lord. Three times the Psalmist exhorts us to praise The Lord. Let praise become your lifestyle. Think of His goodness and all that He has done for you...spontaneous praise will generally erupt. This command to Praise His name is referring to His character. He is the Great, I AM. To think or speak His name carries with it supreme power and all authority.

**Servants:** may refer to God's chosen people, the nation of Israel (Isaiah 41), to individuals in the nation who had experienced God's redemption (Psalm 34:22), to the priests who served God in the Tabernacle (Psalm 134:1), or all believers:

**1 Peter 2:9** NKJV *"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; As His servants, (**Ephesians 2:20**) it is our duty and privilege to worship and praise Him. We are the sheep of His pasture and should live our lives so that others can see Christ in us. Our praise and how we live should be Christ centered. If all you do is praise God for His love, but not for His sovereignty and His justice, you are not praising His name. The redeemed of the Lord should say so.*

**Romans 11:36** NLT *"For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen.*

Let God's praise be continually in your mouth.

**2** *Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.*

In Daniel 2, Daniel took time to Bless the name of the Lord and to give God credit for all wisdom and power which Daniel knew belonged to God.

The servants of the Lord are to sing His praises in this life to the world's end; and in the next life, a world without end.

**3** *From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.*

Wherever you are, the name of the Lord is to be praised. From the beginning of the day to the end of the day. From sun-up to sun down. Everywhere, from east to west, praise the name of the Lord.

### **Why should we praise Him?**

**4** *The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.*

He is high and lifted up and His glory is even higher, which is above the heavens. The Lord is sovereign and He reigns over all nations and over all His creation.

**5** *Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,*

None can be compared with God Jehovah. He is immutable. He can never change. He is Sovereign.

**Isaiah 40:25-26** *"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. "*

**6** *Who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!*

NLT *He stoops to look down on heaven and on earth.*

He dwells so far on high that even to observe heavenly things He must humble Himself. He must stoop to view the skies and bow to see what angels do. He observed the humblest of His servants upon earth and makes them sing for joy like Mary when she said, **Luke 1:48** *"Thou hast regarded the low estate of Thine handmaiden..."* The Purpose: to offer the terms of reconciliation to His rebellious creatures. Praise God for His grace.

**7** *He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;*

NLT *He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump.*

**8** *That He may set him with princes, even with the princes of His people.*

NLT *He sets them among princes, even the princes of His own people.*

Verses 7 and 8 read as 1 Samuel 2:8. Hannah was barren but cried out to God for a son. In response the Lord gave her Samuel, who became the great prophet. Remember, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).

**9** *He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.*

NLT *He gives the childless woman a family, making her a happy mother. Praise the Lord!*

Note: We cannot save ourselves by our own strength or efforts. Salvation is totally of the Lord. He saves sinners who are weak in themselves, but who cry out to Him for mercy. When God saves, He gets all the glory. There is none like our God. He alone is great, but also He is gracious to the poor and helpless. His greatness and His grace are revealed in that He sent His Son into the world, and took on the form of a servant and was obedient to death on the cross, to pay the penalty for our sin (Phil 2). Cry out to Him in your spiritual barrenness to fill you with His joy. In your weakness, pull on His strength. Now praise The Lord.

**Song:** "Praise is What I Do" by William Murphy