

Bible Study ~ June 2022

PSALMS: The Character of GOD

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GOD'S Character is known by *Providence*, **GOD** seeing before...

Providence is **GOD'S** ability to see beforehand... **GOD** knows (**OMINSCIENT**) and is able to see all that is going to happen and beforehand has determined how it will be used for **HIS purpose** and **Glory**.

(Romans 8: 28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love **GOD**, to them who are the called according to **HIS** purpose.")

Tonight, we begin Chapter 6 of our Book, Psalms 113-118 page 71-83; the title...
"GOD'S Character and SALVATION Calls for our PRAISE!"

SALVATION—**GOD'S Gift**... *Soteria*, meaning **GOD** liberated the believer from captivity. **GOD** freed us from bondage, granting us *Eternal Security* and the *privileging* us to willingly serve **HIM**.

Q. What are we saved from? **Answer?** *Sin*. It's *penalty* (Romans 6: 23); its *power* (Romans 6: 6, 9); its *presence* (Hebrews 9: 28) and from *the Second Death* (the condemnation of the soul). That is, *eternally separated* from **GOD**, **The Giver of Life** (Revelation 21: 8).

Q. What must one do to obtain **SALVATION**? **Answer?** *Confess The LORD JESUS*, believing that **GOD** raised **HIM** from the dead and call upon **The Name of The LORD**. (Romans 10: 9)

Q. What if we *sin*? *Confess* and *Repent*. (I John 1: 9, 10)

Q. What are some Benefits of being **Saved**? **Answer?** Justification and Redemption; Freedom from condemnation and judgment; Filled with **GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT**; **The Love of GOD** in your heart; **The Truth of The SPIRIT** and **GOD'S WORD**; **GOD'S Righteousness**; Hope; Security in Death; Sharing the Resurrection with **JESUS**; JOY; Triumph; New Creation; All **SPIRIT**aul Blessings; Power/Authority; Peace; *Seat* in Heavenly places in **CHRIST JESUS**; Access to **GOD'S Throne of GRACE**; High Calling; Perfection; Ambassadorship; Royal Priest; Abundant Life; Prosperity; Joint Heirs with **CHRIST**; Victory...

Q. What does knowing **JESUS** have to do with **SALVATION**? **Answer?** EVERYTHING!
In **HIS NAME** we have **SALVATION** along! (Matthew 1: 21; John 1: 29; John 14: 6; I Corinthians 15: 3, 4, 14)

Q. Why is a close study of **SALVATION** necessary? **Answer?** In all things we should get understanding. (Proverbs 4: 7)

Q. Can we lose our **SALVATION**? **Answer?** NO! **SALVATION** is ours to keep forever!
(John 10: 28-30)

Psalms 113-118 are called *Anthems* for a Dying **LAMB**! Also called '*Hallel--hymns*,' psalms sung by the Hebrews during Passover meal. This is why **JESUS** sang with **HIS** disciples at the Last Supper, and why it is often part of Communion worship when **The CHURCH** celebrates **The LORD'S Supper**. Showing and remembering "the trouble and sorrow"—Psalm 116, or "The Cornerstone"—Psalm 118, gives us insight into **JESUS' Ministry** and mindset in the hours before **HIS** Crucifixion.

***Psalm 113—Worship of GOD**

--*Call to Worship*, that is, to **PRAISE GOD!** [The root word for **HALLELUJAH** which is a Hebrew expression of **PRAISE to GOD**] Let us **PRAISE GOD!** The *Greek* form in the NT is translated "**ALLELUIA!**" **PRAISE The LORD—JEHOVAH-GOD!**"

--Vss. 1-3, **GOD'S Name** is *The Greatest!*

--Vss. 4-6, **GOD'S Throne** is *The Highest!*

--Vss. 7-9, **GOD'S Love** is *The Kindest!*

***Psalm 114—Wonder of GOD**

5 *Wonders* of **GOD** is declared here, in leading Israel from Egypt to Canaan.

--*Departure*: the Exodus of Israel from Egypt to Canaan. *Dividing*: of The Red Sea. *Display*: at the Sinai Mountain. *Drinking*: water supplied from rocks. *Driven*: the Jordan was driven back for Israel to cross.

--Vs. 1, **GOD is** for us!

--Vs. 2a, **GOD is** with us!

--Vs. 2b, **GOD is** Over us!

--Vss. 3-8, **GOD is** Before us!

***Psalm 115—Worth of GOD**

We should never have to '*compare*' **GOD** to anything or anyone... but here see

--*Vanity of Idols*: they are created by man, they cannot see, hear, speak smell, handle, or walk.

--*Value of JEHOVAH-GOD*: **HE** helps, **HE** protects, **HE** blesses, **HE** made heaven and the earth.

NO *idol* can compare!

--Vss. 1-3, **The Reigning GOD!**

--Vss. 4-8, **The Living GOD!**

--Vss. 9-15, **The Giving GOD!**

--Vss. 16-18, **The GOD WHO** deserves our **PRAISE!**

***Psalm 116—Witness for GOD**

--*Witness of HIS Care*: **GOD delivers**. *Witness in Confidence*: belief caused **HIM** to speak.

Witness is Corrected: in **HIS** haste **HE** called all men liars. *Witness in Consecration*: **HE** will pay vows. *Witness at the Cemetery*: saint's death is precious to **GOD**.

Witness is Commitment: I am they servant.

--Vss. 1-4, **GOD** answers *HIS* children's *Prayers!*

--Vss. 5-11, **GOD** is *Merciful* and *Gracious!*

--Vss. 12-15, **GOD** holds *HIS* children *Precious!*

--Vss. 16-19, **GOD** is **FAITHful** to **HIS Covenant!**

***Psalm 117—WORDS for GOD** (the shortest Psalm)

--*Multitude* for **PRAISING**: all people. *Message of PRAISE*: his *Mercy* and *Truth* (**WORD**).

--Vs. 1a, **Worshipping GOD!**

--Vs. 1b, **Sharing the Gospel!**

--Vs. 2a, **Depending on GOD'S Love!**

--Vs. 2b, **Resting on Divine Assurance!**

*Psalm 118—*Welfare from GOD*

-**PRAISE** **GOD** for **HIS Welfare**: for **GOD'S Mercy**. *Partner for Welfare*: **HE** is on our side.

Power for Welfare: **HE** destroys our enemies. *Place of Welfare*: **GOD'S** House.

--Vss. 1-4, Give Thanks to **The LORD** at All Times!

--Vss. 5-14, Trust **The LORD** in Every Crisis!

--Vss. 15-21, Glorify **The LORD** after Every Victory!

--Vss. 22-29, See **The LORD** in Every Experience!