



Psalm 135

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD. 2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God, 3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant. 4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. 6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. 7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.

8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. 9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants. 10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; 11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan: 12 And gave their land for an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people. 13 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations. 14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. 16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; 17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. 18 They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron: 20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD. 21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Introduction:

1. A Psalm of Praise. The “servants of the LORD” (Priests and Levites) are exhorted to “praise Him.”
2. There are particular reasons for praising the LORD.

Outline:

- A. Israel’s Praise (vv.1-4)
- B. The LORD as Sovereign (vv.5-7)
- C. The LORD’s work in Redemptive History:
 - In Egypt (vv.8-9)
 - In Canaan (vv.10-12)
 - In Israel (vv.13-14)
- B.’ The Idols as Vain (vv.15-18)
- A.’ Israel’s Praise (vv.19-21)

Observations:

1. God is to be praised by Israel because of His might and power (vv.1-7)
2. God judged Egypt and other nations (vv.8-14).
3. The vanity of idols and those who trust in them are just as empty or vain (vv.15-18).
4. Israel, Aaron (the Priests) and the Levites are to praise the LORD (vv.19-21).
5. Psalm 135 is a call to worship and Psalm 136 is the response. Both constitute great praise to the LORD.

Lesson: God is worthy to be praised.