



NO OTHER gODS

— 30 Days of Worship —

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— “I am” —

READ

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.*

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*⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!*

REFLECT

“Worship the Lord!
Worship, oh JV Staff,
Worship the name of the Lord!”

What is the tone of this psalm?
And where should our worship be directed?

Is worshiping the *name* of the Lord different than worshiping the Lord?

God’s name represents his character and his attributes. The name “Lord” in this psalm is the Hebrew name *Yahweh*, which means “I AM.” (Whenever you see

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the word “LORD” in all capital letter in your Bible, it means “Yahweh.”) This name should cause us to think of *being* or *existence* and *life*. God himself possesses essential life and permanent existence. He is the eternal I AM, the beginning and end, and all of life is contained in him. He keeps his promises from generation to generation. *Only* he can fill our needs. We can rest in his unchangeableness. No other god can offer us that.

RESPOND

Beginning with verse three, tell Yahweh in your own words each verse, and which of his attributes you see reflected.

What is the significance of an unchanging God who is far above his creation, but looks down on the heavens and the earth?

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Tell I AM what his personal attention to your life means to you.

What kind of dust or ashes surround you today? Use your voice, body, hands and/or spirit to express to Jehovah what it means to be lifted from those ashes and placed among royalty.

Look at verse 9. What does it mean to those of you who are longing for a baby, to be seen, and to imagine your heart joyously overflowing as a mother of children?

Take time to worship the LORD in a creative way today for his unchangeable nature. Praise him that he is the same, yesterday, today and forevermore. Praise him that all we need can be found in him!

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