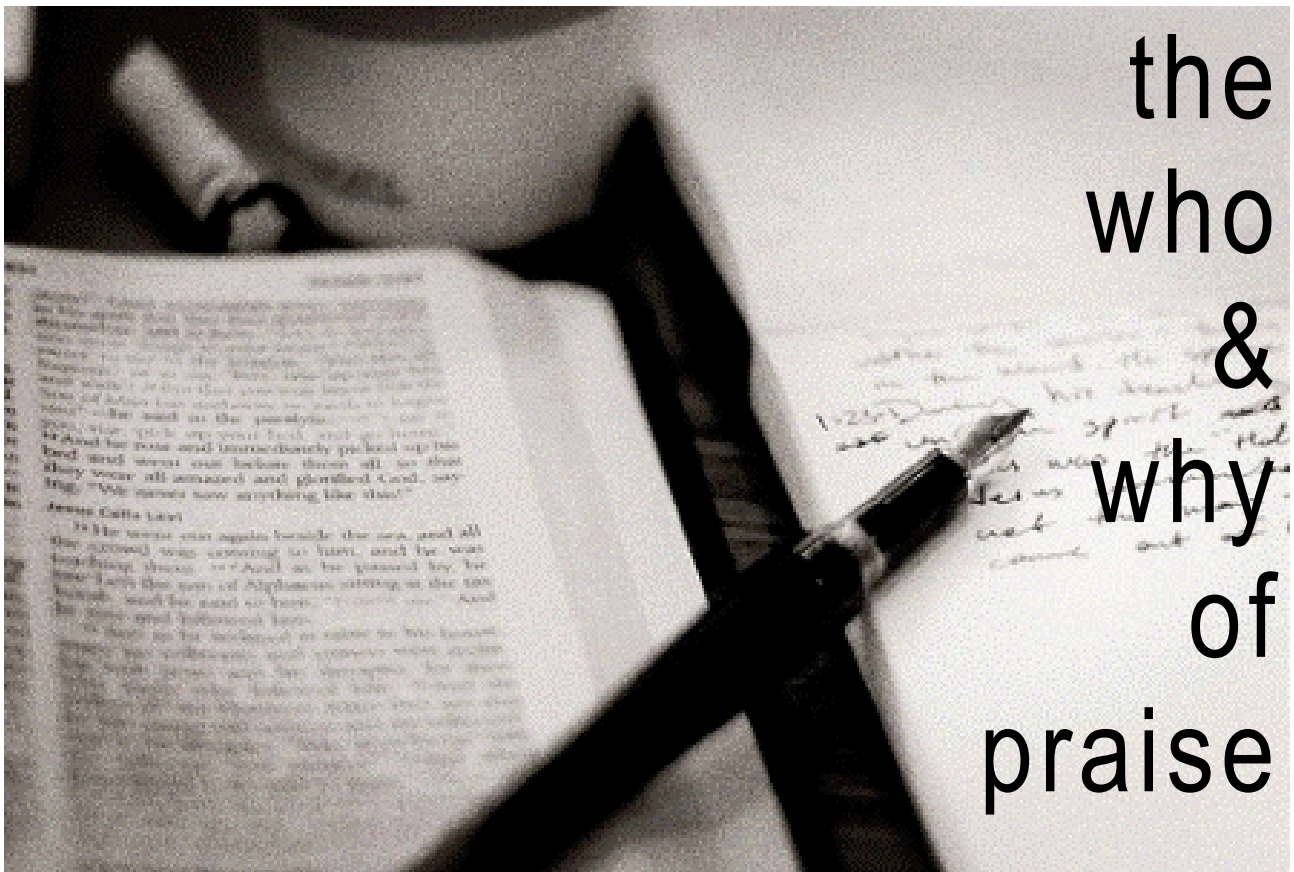


Psalm 113



Bible Study Guide

Psalm 113 (NIV 1984)

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

² Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

⁸ he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.

⁹ He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD.

Getting Started...

Praising God is:

a constant part of my life

a religious part of my life

a regular part of my life

a spontaneous part of my life

not much a part of my life

no part of my life

Have you felt this should change? Why/why not?

Praise the Lord...

1. Psalms 1 & 2 are the introductory Psalms to the whole book of 150. They highlight themes that the remainder of the Psalms speak to. Read Psalm 113. Then read Psalms 1 & 2 (they're not that long) and identify the common themes between 113 & 1/2.

Psalm 113	Psalms 1 & 2

2. Break up Psalm 113 into sections, identifying where the writer makes a new point.

3. What is the subject of the Psalm? What does the writer say about the subject of the Psalm?

4. If you could sum up the Psalm in a sentence, what would it be?

5. Identify the question in the Psalm. How does this contribute to the message of the Psalm?

6. Identify the pictures in the Psalm. How does this contribute to the message of the Psalm?

7. In vv 7-9 the Psalmist speaks of restoring. It is a reference to the experience of Hannah in 1 Samuel 1-2, who is granted the blessing of a child, Samuel, who becomes a key prophet in the purposes of God, as kingship becomes a reality for God's people. Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving is recorded in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. Read the prayer and highlight the parallels with Psalm 113.

1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalms 113

8. List all the things the Psalm tells us about God?

9. List all the things the Psalm tells us about us?

Looking forward and applying...

10. Referring to Mark 10:42-45 & 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, how does God complete the Psalm's purposes in the New Testament?

11. Given the reversal we have experienced in Christ, in a society where reversals are usually measured through achievements or material blessing, how might our lives look different?

12. Given the question we began with, how has Psalm 113 changed the way you think about praise?