



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

“He is My Savior”

Psalm 115 & 135

July 14, 2013 A.M. Worship

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Joshua 1:5; Isaiah 41:10,17*

Our Response:

1. Has there ever been that moment where you have prayed to the Father and asked Him to come into your heart and take control of your life? Would you give Him your heart & life today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God's Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss of your life)
2. Have you asked Christ into your heart but never made it public. Have you not been baptized? You can come & make that decision today public today. Be obedient!
3. Are you a part of a church family? If not, you need one! Is the Lord calling you to Petal FBC today? Why wait any longer? Step over the line and join us in reaching this community with the gospel of Jesus Christ!
4. How is your life praising the Lord? What do you need to thank Him for? How can you praise Him more thoroughly and thoughtfully? Write them down and do them!
5. May we praise the Lord this week in all that we do as we worship Him – whether at church, work, home, or at play!
6. May we be reminded that the Lord is in control of all things – no matter what happens or is happening in your life right now! He is still on His throne and He will deliver us.
7. Would you thank Him today for saving your soul! – and live in such a way that reflects your Savior! What are some ways that your life can show the fact that you are God's precious possession?
8. May we confess of any false gods we have created and repent from them so that we will not become like them!

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Savior – 17 times – save 37 times – In the book of Psalms alone – there are many Psalms called Messianic Psalms that refer directly to Jesus, that are prophecies of His life, His crucifixion, his death one of the most descriptive and lengthy is from Psalm 22.

Isaiah and many other places give us a glimpse of this Savior, wasn't just a New Testament concept, but one from the Old Testament.

[Isaiah 43:1-13, 45:21d, 49:6, 53, 59:12-20, Jeremiah 23:5-6; Jeremiah](#)

[31:31-34](#) Mary rejoices that Jesus will be the Savior, the angels announce He is the Savior, the people from the village of the woman at the well realized they had found the Savior, [Titus 3:4-7](#)

So we come to this psalm and we thought it is not a Messianic Psalm, instead it contrasts the false gods of the day and even ours today from the true and living Savior that loved us so much that He is willing to give up His very life – He would rather die than live without us! Hallelujah what a Savior!! ILLUS: Hymn -

The Lord Chose Us Vs 1-4

▪ **Praise Him for It Is My Priority Vs 1-2**

A call to Worship, Praise the Lord – not just something we say – but something that we do. That is why we are here this morning is the praise of our God for who He is and all that He has done in this world and in us.

▪ **Praise Him for He is Perfect Vs 3a**

He is good – He defines the word good. Not just in a passive sense of being good, but actively – He is always doing good for us and around us

▪ **Praise Him for It Is Pleasant Vs 3b**

It is lovely – it is enjoyable to worship the Lord – it is not some chore, something I have to do, something I want to do and when I come with the right heart and others come with me to worship then the Lord responds and we enjoy worshiping Him. Is worship today and being in His house lovely to you today? Will it be the same tomorrow morning? Our call is that it should be.

▪ **Praise Him for I Am His Possession Vs 4**

[Exodus 19:5](#); [John 3:16](#); [I John 4:19](#); [I Peter 2:9-12](#); [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

God chose the nation of Israel out of all the nations of the earth – why so that He could use them to show forth His glory. For the Savior to come through His chosen people to come and save the world! And Today the truth carries through that He has chosen us!! And if we are not careful it can bring a sense of pride, I'm chosen, I'm special or we get complacent and comfortable or think that we did something special and deserve this yet [Psalm 115:1](#) reminds us – not to us oh Lord, but to your name be the glory!! – He has called you by name and today you have a choice of whether you want to be His possession or not. The question for most of us today, is are we living and being this kind of generation that Peter describes in 1 Peter 2:9-12 – are we daily living that out in our lives?! Some would bristle under the idea that we are somebody's possession but oh what a privilege to be owned by the Savior for He bought us with a great price.

The Lord Controls All Things – He is Sovereign and My Savior Vs 5-12

I know by experience – I have seen it with my own eyes [I John 1:1-4](#)

▪ **Over Creation Vs 5-7** [Psalm 33:7](#); [Job 38:22](#), [Jeremiah 10:13](#)

We can see the evidence of our incredible Creator God everywhere we look! His handiwork and creativity, the beautiful sunrises and sunsets the different seasons, the different place around this world and then the universe and the stars, and the list goes on and on!! (Even the weather)

▪ **Over Countries Vs 8-12**

God showed Himself mighty and strong as He took His people out of Egypt so that they would know and the whole world will know that He alone was God! [Exodus 7-14](#), [Numbers 21:21-35](#) Today, it is no different for He is still God, He is still on His throne no matter what happens as we talked about last week, God has the last and final word! What did He do for His people – He saved them from bondage and slavery, saved them from a tyrant, brought them through the Red Sea, delivered them from the death angel through the shedding of blood! So familiar? A picture of the cross of our Savior and what He did for us!

The Lord Is Compassionate Vs 13-14

▪ **His Character Vs 13**

He will endure forever and His name will be glorified throughout the generations. We have the choice to be a part of that or not but He is clear that His name will be praised!

- **His Compassion** [Nehemiah 9:31](#); [Psalm 25:6](#); [40:11](#); [Isaiah 63:7](#)
Over 100 times in Scripture, and compassionate, over 15 times in the Psalms alone talk about God being compassionate. Aren't you grateful that He is compassionate towards us. He judges us too – not as a lost person, but in holding us accountable and lovingly bringing discipline into our lives but He does all that only in compassion.

The Lord Contrasted with False gods Vs 15-17

He alone is True and Living God

- **Created by Man Vs 15** At the end of the day, every idol no matter how elaborate, how well created, how crafty and beautiful, it all still bears the label – made by man **ILLUS: Song: “You are God Alone”**

- **Cannot Speak, See, Hear, Smell, Touch, or Walk Vs 16-18**

[Psalm 115: 4-9](#) & [Isaiah 46:5-8](#)

Because the dead idols lacked the attributes of the living God, they were unable to do either good or evil, yet the people worshiped them!
No mouths — They cannot speak to their people, make covenants, give promises, guidance, or encouragement. Our God speaks to us!

No eyes — They offer their followers no protection or oversight. Our God's eyes are upon us and we can trust Him.

No ears — No matter how much the idolaters pray, their gods cannot hear them! Remember Elijah on Mt. Carmel. Our God's eyes are upon us and His ears open to our cries.

No noses — This speaks of God receiving our worship and being pleased with what we bring Him.

No hands — The workers whose hands made the idols have more power than the idols they call "gods." Our God is able to work for us as we seek to serve Him. His fingers made the universe and His arm brought salvation.

No feet — The people had to carry their idols but our God carries us and walks with us.

ILLUS: False god in Nepal – moving him around – tying him down so he it wouldn't topple over – protected by police

▪ **Consequence – They Will Be Like Them** Vs 18

But the greatest tragedy is not what the idols cannot do but what they *can do* to the people who worship them. *We become like the God we worship.* As we worship the true and living God, He transforms our ears to hear His truth and the cries of those in need. He gives us eyes to see His Word and His world and the path He wants us to walk. Our "spiritual senses" develop and we become more mature in Jesus Christ. But those who worship false gods lose the use of their spiritual senses and become blind to the light and deaf to God's voice. What about our false gods? Our false gods we worship are no different, they are made with hands too, just not crazy looking like those we find in India or other countries. In homes there – altars to their god or gods, central place in the house, furniture situated around it, focal point of the house and then we begin to think what about our house? What is the altar in our houses – central point. – but money, and our stuff, and things, jobs and even people, fame, and the list goes on and on. We hold on to this stuff, make it our priority and it will never help us or get us anywhere. What or who are you worshipping today?

The Lord's Call to Worship – He Is With Us Vs 19-21

▪ **Participation** Vs 19-20

We are all called to praise and worship the Lord – here is summons the nation of Israel, those leaders of Israel & even the proselytes those who were not Jews but had chosen to worship the one true God to come and bless the Lord. That call is the same today – come everyone no matter who you are, where you have come from – come & worship the Lord!

▪ **Present** Vs 21

He was present with the nation of Israel as evidenced by the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night, the tabernacle and then the temple and then the coming of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit. He is with us today!

He is With Us [Psalm 46:1, Matthew 1:20-25, 28:20](#)

He Will Never Leave Us [Hebrews 13:5; Joshua 1:5; Isaiah 41:10,17](#)

[Psalm 115:1](#)

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