

Sermon Notes, Psalm 113

“Our God: The One and Only”

God has no equal, no rival and no comparison. In the middle of today’s Psalm, a rhetorical question is asked: “Who is like our God?” Wrapped around the question is a set of truths about God that answer the question... no one is like God. He is incomparable. Psalm 113 will inspire your view of God, and when we get our view of God right, praise begins to flow, and the other things in life have a way of finding their proper balance.

1. A question worth asking... Who is like the Lord our God? (4-5)

A. Think of all the ways we allow for substitutes for the one true God in our life... but our God remains without rival.

- 1) We make the things of this world a “god,” by exalting temporary things in our heart’s affections... this is idolatry
- 2) We make ourselves into a “god” by leaning on our own understanding or questioning God’s existence. This rebellion
- 3) We re-make God into a false god, more palatable to our flesh. This is blasphemy.

B. Think of all the reasons the real, praiseworthy God is the best object of your faith.

- 1) God is truth and truth ultimately sets you free.
- 2) God is “better”- high above all else (in the temptation, Jesus was shown the kingdoms of the earth, but how small they must seem to the Most High!)
- 3) Though high above kings He stoops low to love sinners
- 4) He heals the broken!

2. A hallelujah worth shouting!... Praise the Lord! (1-3)

A. Praise the Lord!

- 1) it's a command
- 2) it's the heart of worship

B. Our praise...

- 1) Praise is more than words, it's a way of life... for a true bond-servant...
- 2) Praise is more than an hour of worship, is a day well lived