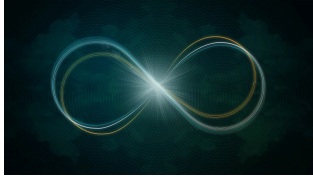


Bible Study: Book of Psalms

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Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	Psalms 135- Your Name, O LORD, Endures Forever	
<p>We exist to praise and glorify God, how do we do that?</p> <p>Hint: When we sin we do not praise and glorify God.</p> <p>What was the main job of the priests in the Old Law?</p> <p>1 Peter 2:9 What should be our main purpose as well?</p> <p>What reasons does the writer give that God should be praised? Beginning at v 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>God previously dwelt in the Temple in Jerusalem v 21 but where does He dwell now?</p> <p>1 Corinthians 3:16</p> <p>In this Psalm of praise what is something that is typically present in prayers that is not present in this Psalm?</p>	<p>[1] Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,</p> <p>[2] who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!</p> <p>[3] Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!</p> <p>[4] For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.</p> <p>[5] For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.</p> <p>[6] Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.</p> <p>[7] He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.</p> <p>[8] He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and of beast;</p> <p>[9] who in your midst, O Egypt, sent signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants;</p> <p>[10] who struck down many nations and killed mighty kings,</p> <p>[11] Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan,</p> <p>[12] and gave their land as a heritage, a heritage to his people Israel.</p> <p>[13] Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.</p> <p>[14] For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.</p> <p>[15] The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands.</p> <p>[16] They have mouths, but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not see;</p> <p>[17] they have ears, but do not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouths.</p> <p>[18] Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.</p>	

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	<p>[19] O house of Israel, bless the LORD! O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!</p> <p>[20] O house of Levi, bless the LORD! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!</p> <p>[21] Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD! (ESV)</p>
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 <p>2 Chronicles 7:3 Ezra 3:11</p> <p>May have been sung in call response style. King says the beginning of the verse then the congregation answers.</p> <p>As the hymn unfolds, the psalmist leads the congregation to reflect on four manifestations of God's enduring, steadfast love: the creation (136:4-9), Israel's deliverance from slavery (136:10-16), the heritage of a promised home (136:17-22), and his gracious, ongoing provision for their daily needs (136:23-25).</p> <p>The difference between this recounting of history and the other accounts in Psalm is the line His Steadfast love Endures forever.</p>	<p>[1] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.</p> <p>[2] Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.</p> <p>[3] Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[4] to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[5] to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[6] to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[7] to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[8] the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[9] the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[10] to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[11] and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[12] with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[13] to him who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[14] and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p> <p>[15] but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever;</p>	

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Is this too much? What is the psalmist's point in keeping this refrain front and center throughout? Is it too much?

Listen to one commentary on this Psalm....

The refrain serves as a spiritual speed bump. It slows us down. Its repetition draws our attention again and again to God. It reminds us that absolutely everything that happened in Israel's history is purposeful and is tethered to the steadfast love of God. Creation. Rescue from slavery. Sustenance in the wilderness. Inheritance of the promised land. Through good and bad, thick and thin, sin and suffering, God is accomplishing his good purposes in his people. The psalmist beckons God's people to take notice of this glorious reality. "Slow down, brothers and sisters, and repeat after me: the steadfast love of God endures forever." Steadfast love. These are the very words of self-identification God used as he spoke to Moses in Exodus 34:6: "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." His face looms behind the facts of Israel's journey.

[16] to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever;

[17] to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever;

[18] and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever;

[19] Sihon, king of the Amorites, for his steadfast love endures forever;

[20] and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever;

[21] and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever;

[22] a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever.

[23] It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;

[24] and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;

[25] he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.

[26] Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever. (ESV)

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Quoting of prophecy of how other evil people will treat the Babylonians who treated the Israelites in an evil manner.	[1] By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.	

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(Isa 13.16–19)

16 Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes;
Their houses will be plundered
And their wives ravished.

17 “Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them,
Who will not regard silver;
And as for gold, they will not delight in it.

18 Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces,
And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb;
Their eye will not spare children.

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
The beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride,
Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

[2] On the willows there we hung up our lyres.

[3] For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

[4] How shall we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land?

[5] If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill!

[6] Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!

[7] Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare, down to its foundations!”

[8] O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed, blessed shall he be who repays you with what you have done to us!

[9] Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock! (ESV)