

Second Baptist Church of Doylestown

Bible Study Notes Book of Psalms

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Psalm 113

The Story Behind the Psalms

These Psalms are divided into three groups—group one ends with hallelujah. In this group are Psalms 104 and 105. Group two begins with hallelujah. This includes Psalms 111 and 112. Group three both begins and ends with hallelujah. Included are Psalms 106, 113, 135, and 146 through 150.

It is interesting that with the passing of the years David's praise becomes greater. The term, "Praise ye the Lord," is included more and more in the Psalms written near the end of David's life. He once said, "I will praise Him more and more," and so he did. As these Psalms are read, the reader should picture an aged David lifting his hands and voice Heavenward thanking God for His grace, for His mercy, for His lovingkindness and for His faithfulness.

The Way They Were Used by God's People

The Jews would use these as doxology Psalms when they wanted to praise the Lord. They were used at any time. They were much like our songs, "Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," etc. In other words, they were general songs of praise used at any occasion the heart leaped with joy.

Theme: The scope of God's care. God's great mercy is demonstrated by his concern for the poor and the oppressed.

Author: Believed to be David

PSALM 113:5-9

In God's eyes, a person's value has no relationship to his or her wealth or position on the social ladder. Many people who have excelled in God's work began in poverty or humble beginnings. God supersedes the social orders of this world, often choosing his future leaders and ambassadors from among social outcasts. Do you treat the unwanted in society as though they have value? Demonstrate by your actions that all people are valuable and useful in God's eyes.

Psalm 114

The Story Behind the Psalm

It was written concerning the journey back from Jerusalem after the feast. The theme of the Psalm is reminiscing about being delivered from Egypt and how God protected His people through the passover, crossing of the Red Sea, pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, the manna from heaven, the water from the rock, etc.

The Way It Was Used by God's People

This Psalm was used when in trial and suffering.

Theme: The mighty God who delivered Israel from Egypt. We can celebrate God's great work in our life.

Author: Anonymous

PSALM 114:7

When God gave the law at Mount Sinai, the mountain trembled in God's presence. Even with our great technology, the seas, rivers, and mountains still present us with formidable challenges. But to God, who controls nature, they are as nothing. When observing the power of an ocean wave or the majesty of a mountain peak, think of God's greatness and glory, which are far more awesome than the natural wonders you can see. To tremble at God's presence means to recognize God's complete power and authority and our frailty by comparison.