

Worshipping God

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Introduction

The 116th Psalm asks, “What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?” Many are like Hezekiah who gave no return for the benefits that he received (2 Chron. 32:24-26). Rather, let us be thankful, worshipping God acceptably, exalting, glorifying, and praising His holy name.

Exalt His Name

The 18th Psalm was written by David on the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. It affirms, “The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Again, “The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of my salvation.”

The 46th Psalm, written by the sons of Korah, set to Alamoth, i.e., a song by soprano or female voices, praises God as our refuge and strength, “A very present help in trouble...” It exhorts, “Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Glorify His Name

The 24th Psalm honors the King of Kings as He enters Zion, His holy habitation. It orders, “Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!” Again, “Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.”

The 96th Psalm is a call to worship the glorious God of Heaven. It instructs, “Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.” Again, “Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. Worship the Lord in holy attire; tremble before Him, all the earth.”

Praise His Name

The 66th Psalm, written anonymously, praises God for His mighty deeds and His answer to prayer. It bids, “Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.” Again, “All the earth will worship You, and will sing praises to You; they will sing praises to Your name.”

The 113th Psalm, also unattributed, praises the Lord for his exaltation of the humble. It enjoins, “Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.” Again, “From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.”

Conclusion

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? Like the Psalmist, our answer should be, “I shall lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I shall pay my vows to the Lord, Oh may it be in the presence of all His people” (Psa. 116:13-14). Will we be like Hezekiah who gave no return for the benefits that he received? Or will we serve God faithfully and fully, thankfully and truly, humbly and obediently (John 12:26; Heb. 12:28-29)?