

## "Who is like the Lord our God?" Psalm 113

Even though God is exalted and glorious above all things, He has humbled Himself in order to lift us out of the "dunghill" of life apart from Him. Our God loves to raise up the needy, redeem the poor in spirit, and restore the broken. Let us praise the Lord!

### **I. The Call to Praise (v.1-3)**

- What is praise?
  - A response of adoration to something or someone that we value or enjoy
  - Hallelujah: "Let us praise the Lord!"
- "The Name of the Lord"
  - His revealed Character and attributes
- "From the rising of the sun to its setting"  
A response of adoration to the revealed character of God that begins with our first waking breath and continues until our last thought before sleep.

### **II. The Cause for Praise (v.4-6)**

- The LORD is EXALTED
  - High above, lifted, honored
- The LORD is GLORIOUS
  - Glory = "*kabowd*", from Hebrew word "*kabad*", which means to be heavy or weighty
- The LORD is INCOMPARABLE
  - Isaiah 44:6-8  
"I am the first and the last, and there is no god besides Me. And who is like Me? Is there any other god besides Me, or is there any other Rock? I know of none."
- The LORD is ENTHRONED
  - Psalm 103:19  
"The LORD has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all."

- The LORD is HUMBLE

### **III. The Outcome of His Humility (v.7-9)**

- The lowly are RAISED
  - “Raise” and “lift” are synonyms for “exalt”
  - “Ash heap” = “dunghill”
- The poor are REDEEMED
- The barren are RESTORED

“Even though He is exalted on high, He lowers Himself to exalt the oppressed.”

### **Application**

What can I do to grow into a lifestyle of praise?

Do I need to be raised? Redeemed? Restored?

Am I lowering myself to serve and bless others (lowly, poor)?