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THE LORD ABOVE ALL GODS

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"Praise the Lord!" Psalm 135 begins and ends with this phrase. It is a call to ignite a passionate worship of God that is not solely motivated by feelings. In this context, the word "praise" means "Hallel." The idea is not only singing praise and worship songs to the LORD but also displaying complete attention to proclaim the Lord's glory. Praise means to "boast," "bless," "exalt," "extol," "glorify," "magnify," "thank," and "confess."

This psalm gives reasons why we should praise the LORD. The Psalmist calls on those who serve and worship in the house of the Lord to praise Him because He is good. (vv. 1-4) The Lord is good to His people Israel for He chose them as His own possession (v. 4). The Psalmist also declares that the LORD is worthy of praise because He is great (vv. 5-12). The greatness of the LORD described that He is above all gods (v. 5). He does what He pleases (v. 6). He is the maker of all things (v. 7). He fought for the liberty of His people from oppression (v. 1, 8-10). And He provided shelter to His people in the place He had brought them (vv. 11-12). The Psalmist recognized that the LORD is eternal (vv. 13-14). The Lord vindicates His people from any oppression they may have experienced (v. 13). The Lord is compassionate to them because He considers them as servants (v. 14).

The chapter also points to the powerlessness of idols. The

Psalmist referred to the gods of the nations that surround God's people, Israel. The Psalmist contrasted the LORD's power over the idols of the nations (v. 15). The idols were described in verses 16 to 18 as "having mouths, but do not speak," "having eyes but do not see," "having ears but do not hear," and "having no breath in their mouths." Eventually, those who make and trust in idols become like them. The gods of the nations around them are no match to the power of the LORD, His goodness and greatness!

As a reminder of God's goodness and greatness, the Psalmist urged God's people to "bless" the LORD at the end of this chapter. The Psalmist urged the people to give the LORD this blessing, which is sixfold (Num. 6:24-26; vv. 19-21). The LORD "dwells" among them, thus, it is appropriate for them to do so (v. 21b).

In response to today's message, let us be reminded that the Lord is the God above all gods. He is worthy to be praised by God's people for who He is. In blessing our families, parents should bless their children by uttering praise and prayers for them. We must live a life of praising the Lord for His goodness and greatness. We should live out His goodness and greatness in our daily walk with Him. Praise the LORD! ✠



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ EDIFYING MINISTRY

Family Builders Ministry
Family Month Celebration

Today...

September 17, 2023
Blessing the Children
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM

Soon...

September 23, 2023
**Intentional Discipleship in
the Home by Pastor Tony Yeo**

September 24, 2023
Family Day Potbless

Women of Grace Ministry
**The Stunning Fragrance
That Lingers**
September 26, 2023 | 9:00 AM

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