

To Your Name Be the Glory

Psalm 115:1-11

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I. Give glory to the name of God. Psalm 115:1

I believe it is a terrible form of _____ to hear of an answered prayer and begin to give credit to anyone or anything before simply praising the LORD for His grace and mercy. **James 1:16-17**

- **Mercy** in Hebrew is the word *hesed*, which means Yahweh's _____, His loyal love, and His covenant love, for His people.

"Thy mercy gave thy promise, thy _____ fulfilled it." (Clarke) **John 1:17**

II. The LORD's fame. Psalm 115:2-3

The LORD told Moses, He was going to destroy the people and then make a great nation from Moses' lineage, but Moses had a _____ heart, he loved his people, and he loved the LORD.

- The LORD allowed Moses to be placed into this _____ so he would have to intercede for the people and show him that he had a shepherd's heart of love and compassion for the people.

The LORD is in heaven with a view of all eternity, knowing the future as well as the present. He sees all and can accomplish all, because He is _____ enough to do **whatever He pleases. Habakkuk 3:2**

III. A god made from created things. Psalm 115:4-8

The psalmist is describing a god without the ability to see, speak, move, or _____ on our behalf.

- "False worship is not innocent but demoralizing, and ultimately the worshipers will _____ together with their perishable idols." (VanGemeren)

IV. The LORD is a shield to those who trust Him. Psalm 115:9-11

The literal meaning of the word **trust** in the Hebrew means to *have confidence, hope, to be bold, and to be* _____. (S. H982)

- "**You who fear the LORD**". The word **fear** means reverence and those who have reverence for the LORD trust Him because we know He is _____, and all of His ways are good.

Just as the Roman's shield could stop flaming arrows, our _____ in the LORD extinguishes the flaming arrows of the evil one and prevents ongoing damage. **Ephesians 6:16**

V. Practical Application.

1. We give modern medicine, other people, or even a supposed coincidence _____ when prayers are answered.
2. Be careful not to _____ the LORD. **Romans 2:24**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Psalm 115:1**. Discuss the comment that was made during the sermon about a terrible form of blasphemy found in point I. of the sermon note sheet.
James 1:16-17, 1 Corinthians 4:7, John 1:17
2. Read **Psalm 115:2-3**. *Why is it important to promote the LORD's fame? How can we defame the LORD as a Christian? Why did the LORD allow Moses to be placed within the position of needing to intercede for the people of Israel? **Exodus 32:6-13, Habakkuk 3:2, John 10:11-16***
3. Read **Psalm 115:4-8**. *How did the psalmist describe the gods within these verses? How does the psalmist describe the people who follow the little gods in **verse 8**? According to VanGemeren, what happens to people who worship false gods (see point III. of the sermon note sheet)? **Romans 1:24-25***
4. Read **Psalm 115:9-11**. *According to the sermon note sheet, what does the word **trust** mean in Hebrew? What does the word **fear** mean? What does the LORD being our shield do for a believer? **Psalm 34:22, Proverbs 3:5-6, Ephesians 6:16, Hebrews 11:1-6, Isaiah 40:28-30***
5. Discuss the two points of the Practical Application portion of the sermon note sheet.
James 1:16-17, Psalm 115:2, Romans 2:24, Ephesians 5:15, 2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Peter 5:8, Psalm 119:105, 1 Corinthians 16:13