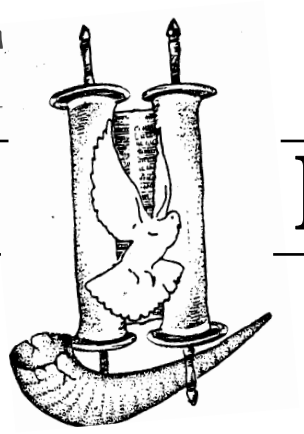
GELOOF In Die Woord



FAITH In The Word

Geloof is uit die gehoor en die gehoor is deur die Woord van God Rom. 10:17

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Rom. 10:17

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OM GOD SE WERKE TE OORDINK EN ONS AAN SY WIL TE ONDERWERP

Psalms 111–114

Die Psalms 111–114 herinner ons daaraan dat God se krag én Sy karakter duidelik sigbaar is in alles wat Hy doen. Sy werke openbaar nie net wie Hy is nie, maar vorm ook wie ons word wanneer ons leer om Hom te vertrou en Sy Woord gehoorsaam te wees.

Van lank voor die mens elektriese krag ontdek het, het God se skepping reeds buitengewone vermoëns openbaar. Diere en voëls het oor vastelande gereis, insekte het strukture gebou wat vandag nog ingenieurs verstom, en die natuur het op ’n stille maar kragtige manier God se wysheid weerspieël. Geen wonder die psalmis skryf nie:

“Groot is die werke van die HERE; dit word bestudeer deur almal wat daarin behae het.”

Selfs in die wêreld van wetenskap is daar erkenning gegee aan God se groot werke. Deur die eeue het ontdekkings en deurbrake mense laat besef dat hoe meer ons leer, hoe meer rede het ons om in verwondering voor die Skepper te buig.

Maar God se werke strek veel verder as net die skepping. Sy dade van genade, barmhartigheid, verlossing en trou is net so wonderbaarlik. Hy is ’n God wat onthou, wat omgee en wat red. Hy bly getrou aan Sy verbond en Sy liefde hou stand van geslag tot geslag.

Hierdie Psalms leer ons dat ons harte soos klein “laboratoriums” is, plekke waar ons moet nadink oor God se handewerk in ons lewens. Hoe meer ons bewus raak van Sy werke, hoe meer word ons harte gevul met lof en vertroue.

Psalm 112 vul hierdie waarheid pragtig aan. Waar Psalm 111 fokus op wie God is en wat Hy doen, wys Psalm 112 vir ons hoe die lewe lyk van iemand wat Hom vrees. So iemand leef nie sonder uitdagings nie, maar leef met ’n vaste hart, geanker in vertroue op die Here. Selfs wanneer slegte nuus kom, weet die gelowige: God is steeds in beheer.

Daar is tye wanneer ons voel asof ons skipbreuk gely het, stukkende drome, pyn, verlies of siekte rondom ons. Maar selfs dan is ons nie verlore nie. Ons is “gestrand” op die eiland van God se soewereine wil. En op daardie eiland is Hy by ons.

Psalms 113 en 114 neem ons verder deur God te prys as die Hoë en Verhewe Een wat tog afbuk om die behoeftiges raak te sien. Hy sien die arme, die gebroke, die een wat wag en hoop. Hy het Hannah gesien in haar jare van verlange, net soos Hy haar gesien het toe Sy gebede beantwoord is.

Dit is ’n kragtige troos vir elkeen wat vandag wag op genesing, antwoorde of deurbraak. God is nie minder betrokke in die wagtyd nie. Jou lewe is nie onvolledig in Sy oë nie. Hy ken jou, Hy sien jou, en Hy wandel saam met jou.

Psalm 114 herinner ons daaraan dat die see, die riviere en die berge gehoorsaam was aan God se stem. Die skepping self reageer op Sy wil. Hoeveel te meer kan ons, met vertroue en oorgawe, ons lewens in Sy hande plaas?

Laat ons dan God se werke bestudeer en Sy wil gehoorsaam. Laat ons Hom loof van sonsopkoms tot sonsondergang. En laat ons vas hou aan hierdie waarheid: elke onskuldige leegte in ons lewens is God se saak. In daardie leegtes buk Hy af om Sy teenwoordigheid, Sy liefde en Sy medelye te plaas.

Prys Hom en vertrou Hom, want Hy is getrou, gister, vandag en vir altyd.

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UIT ONS KANTOOR

Geliefdes,

Elke keer as ons die Psalms 115–118 lees, herinner dit ons daaraan dat God alleen die lof toekom. Hy is nie net die Skepper van hemel en aarde nie, maar Hy is ook die God wat ons lewe sien en ons harte ken. Wanneer mense vra: “Waar is julle God?” kan ons met vertroue antwoord dat ons God in die hemel is en alles doen volgens Sy wil. Hierdie Psalms leer ons dat God nie stil staan nie; Hy werk in ons midde, selfs in moeilike tye, en wys Sy liefde en getrouheid. Soos die psalmis, kan ons ons persoonlike getuienis van redding en genesing aan ander vertel, selfs al voel ons soms vasgevang deur beproewinge. Mag ons elke dag onthou om God te vertrou, Hom te loof, en ander uit te nooi om Sy liefde te ervaar. Ons Verlosser is lewendig, getrou, en Hy werk alles ten goede vir diegene wat Hom liefhet. Laat hierdie Psalms jou inspireer om Sy teenwoordigheid en krag in jou eie lewe te ervaar

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PORTRAITS OF OUR REDEEMER

Psalms 115–118

In every season of life, whether marked by joy, uncertainty, suffering, or waiting, Scripture calls us to give glory to God alone. These four psalms, Psalms 115 through 118, remind us that true hope is found not in circumstances, but in trusting the Lord, praising Him continually, inviting others to know Him, and anchoring our hearts in His faithful Word.

These psalms form the final part of what is known as the Egyptian Hallel, a collection of praise songs traditionally sung during Israel's great feasts, especially Passover. The word hallel means "praise," and when combined with Yah (a shortened form of Yahweh), we get the word hallelujah, "Praise the Lord." These are not empty words. They are declarations of trust, worship, and surrender to the living God.

Psalm 115: Glory Belongs to God Alone

Psalm 115 opens with a powerful statement that sets the tone for everything that follows:

"Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness."
This verse reminds us that life is not centered on human achievement or recognition. Even in hardship, the ultimate purpose remains the same: that God's name would be honored.

The psalm quickly addresses a painful question often asked in times of suffering:

"Where is your God?"

This was a common taunt directed at Israel by surrounding nations, especially during seasons when Israel experienced discipline, loss, or exile. To outsiders, it appeared that God had abandoned His people. Yet the psalmist responds with unwavering confidence:

"Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases."
God has not disappeared. He has not lost control. He is sovereign, active, and faithful, even when His purposes are beyond our understanding.

The psalmist then contrasts the living God with lifeless idols, objects made of silver and gold that may look impressive but are powerless. They cannot speak, see, hear, or save. In contrast, the Lord is alive and able. He is described as our help and our shield, our defender, protector, and source of strength.

For those being mocked or discouraged because of their faith, this psalm offers reassurance: God is not intimidated by the world's doubts, and neither should His people be. We are called to bless the Lord, not only in good times, but forever.

Psalm 116: A Personal Testimony of Deliverance

Psalm 116 shifts from corporate praise to a deeply personal expression of gratitude. This psalm reads like a testimony, one person telling the story of how God answered prayer in a moment of intense distress.

The writer describes being overwhelmed by sorrow, fear, and the nearness of death. The pain was real. The crisis was severe. Yet the response is simple and powerful:

“Then I called on the name of the LORD: ‘O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!’”
This is the heartbeat of faith, calling on the Lord when there is nowhere else to turn.

Some scholars believe this psalm may reflect the experience of King Hezekiah, who faced a life-threatening illness and cried out to God for healing (see 2 Kings 20). Whether or not that is the case, the message is clear: God hears the prayers of His people.

This psalm is especially meaningful for anyone facing a personal crisis, physical illness, emotional pain, financial strain, or spiritual weariness. It encourages us not only to pray, but also to trust God’s timing and purposes. Sometimes deliverance comes quickly; at other times, God works deeply in us while we wait.

The psalmist resolves to live openly for God afterward:

“I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.”

In other words, suffering does not silence faith, it strengthens testimony. When God brings us through hardship, we are called to speak of His faithfulness so others may be encouraged.

Psalm 117: An Invitation to the World

Psalm 117 is the shortest psalm in the Bible, yet its message is vast and far-reaching:

“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!
For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.”

This psalm is both evangelistic and inclusive. It calls every nation, every people group, and every individual to join in worshiping the one true God. The invitation is not limited by culture, language, or background.

Why do God’s people share their faith? Not simply out of duty, but because worship belongs to God alone, and many are worshiping things that cannot save. Evangelism is ultimately an invitation to worship the living God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

If you have never trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation, this psalm extends a loving invitation. Through the sacrificial death of God’s Son on the cross, forgiveness and new life are offered freely. Those who believe are welcomed into a life of praise grounded in God’s unchanging love.

Psalm 118: The Song of the Redeemer

Psalm 118 concludes the Egyptian Hallel and is rich with prophetic significance. For generations, this psalm has been sung during Passover celebrations. It is almost certainly the final hymn Jesus sang with His disciples before going to the Garden of Gethsemane.

One verse stands out:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

This verse is quoted repeatedly in the New Testament and clearly points to Jesus Christ.

Rejected by many, He became the foundation of God's redemptive plan.

What is especially striking is that Jesus sang this psalm knowing the suffering that lay ahead. His death was not an accident. It was the fulfillment of God's eternal plan, for the redemption of humanity.

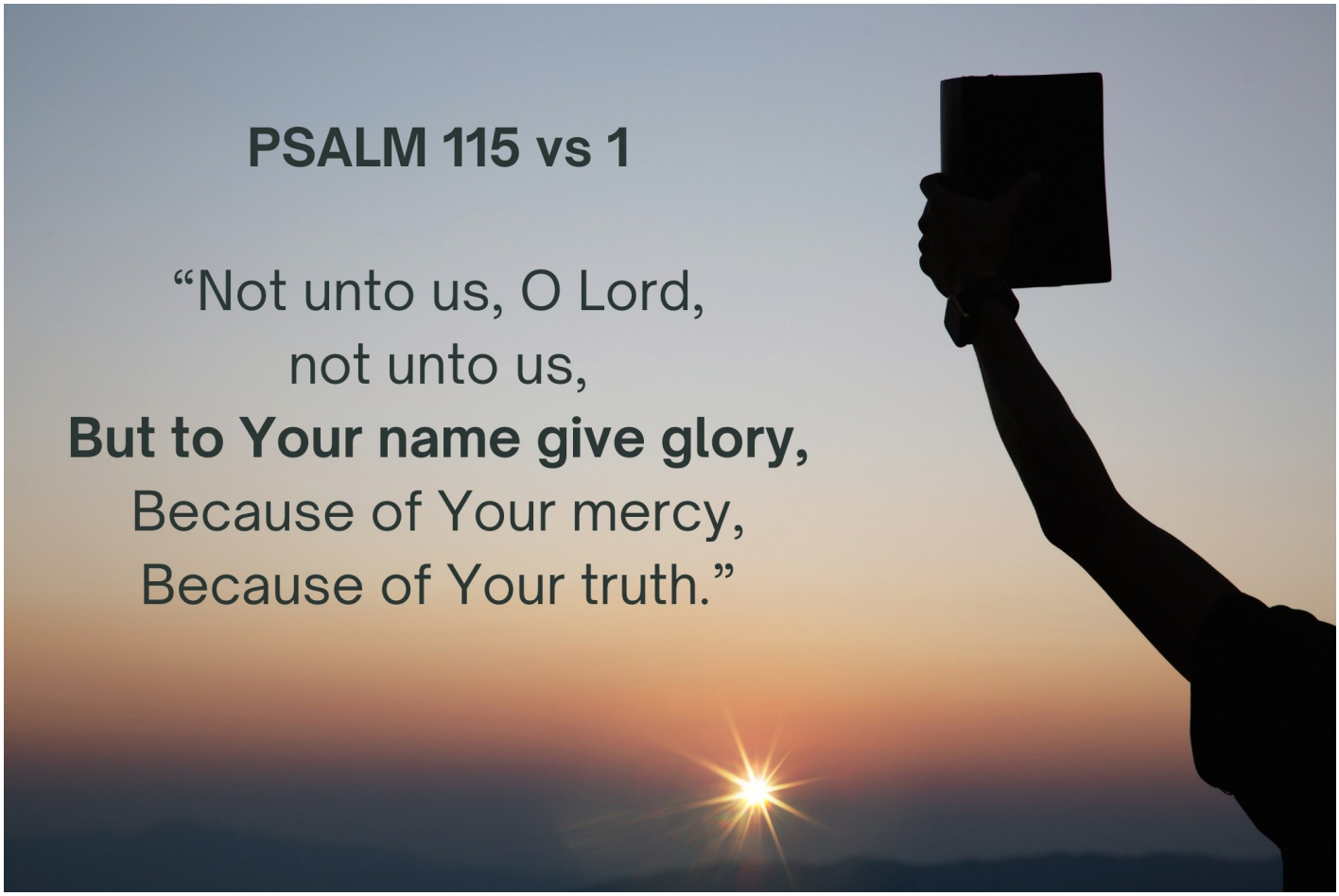
This psalm paints a beautiful portrait of our Redeemer: faithful, obedient, victorious, and worthy of praise. It reminds us that even in the darkest hours, God is at work bringing salvation, hope, and life.

A Word of Encouragement

If you are reading this while carrying pain, unanswered prayers, or deep longing, take heart. These psalms assure us that God sees, God hears, and God remains faithful. He is worthy of praise in every season, and He is near to those who call on Him.

May these portraits of our Redeemer strengthen your faith, renew your hope, and lead your heart once again to say:

Hallelujah—praise the Lord.



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