

## Lesson 10: The Lord's Supremacy in History

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**Read Psalm 135. What historical events are highlighted in the psalm? What lessons does the psalmist draw from them?**

Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord;

Praise *Him*, O you servants of the Lord!

<sup>2</sup>You who stand in the house of the Lord,

In the courts of the house of our God,

<sup>3</sup>Praise the Lord, for the Lord *is* good;

Sing praises to His name, for *it is* pleasant.

<sup>4</sup>For the Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself,

Israel for His special treasure.

<sup>5</sup>For I know that the Lord *is* great,

And our Lord *is* above all gods.

### Supremacy in Creation

<sup>6</sup>Whatever the Lord pleases He does,

In heaven and in earth,

In the seas and in all deep places.

<sup>7</sup>He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;

He makes lightning for the rain;

He brings the wind out of His treasuries.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?

Tell *Me*, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements?

Surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>To what were its foundations fastened?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together,  
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?...  
<sup>12</sup> “Have you commanded the morning since your days *began*,  
And caused the dawn to know its place,...  
<sup>16</sup> “Have you entered the springs of the sea?  
Or have you walked in search of the depths?...  
<sup>19</sup> “Where *is* the way to the dwelling of light?  
And darkness, where *is* its place,...  
<sup>22</sup> “Have you entered the treasury of snow,  
Or have you seen the treasury of hail,...  
<sup>25</sup> “Who has divided a channel for the overflowing *water*,  
Or a path for the thunderbolt,  
<sup>26</sup> To cause it to rain on a land *where there is* no one,  
A wilderness in which *there is* no man;...  
<sup>31</sup> “Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, <sup>[g]</sup>  
Or loose the belt of Orion?...  
<sup>39</sup> “Can you hunt the prey for the lion,  
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
<sup>40</sup> When they crouch in *their* dens,  
Or lurk in their lairs to lie in wait?  
<sup>41</sup> Who provides food for the raven,  
When its young ones cry to God,  
And wander about for lack of food?—**Job 38**

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist and were created.”—**Revelation 4:11**

## Supremacy in Deliverance

<sup>8</sup> He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,  
Both of man and beast.

<sup>9</sup> He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,  
Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

<sup>25</sup> He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.” —  
**John 9:25**

## Supremacy in Victory of Enemies

<sup>10</sup> He defeated many nations

And slew mighty kings—

<sup>11</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites,

Og king of Bashan,

And all the kingdoms of Canaan—

<sup>12</sup> And gave their land *as* a heritage,

A heritage to Israel His people.

<sup>13</sup> Your name, O Lord, *endures* forever,

Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.

<sup>14</sup> For the Lord will judge His people,

And He will have compassion on His servants.

<sup>15</sup> The idols of the nations *are* silver and gold,

The work of men’s hands.

<sup>16</sup> They have mouths, but they do not speak;

Eyes they have, but they do not see;

<sup>17</sup> They have ears, but they do not hear;

Nor is there *any* breath in their mouths.

<sup>18</sup> Those who make them are like them;

*So is* everyone who trusts in them.

<sup>19</sup> Bless the Lord, O house of Israel!

Bless the Lord, O house of Aaron!

<sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, O house of Levi!

You who fear the Lord, bless the Lord!

<sup>21</sup> Blessed be the Lord out of Zion,

Who dwells in Jerusalem!

Praise the Lord!—**Psalm 135**

The recounting of God's great deeds on behalf of His people (*Ps. 135:8–13*) culminates in the promise that God will “judge” His people and have compassion on them (*Ps. 135:14*). The judgment here is God's vindication of the oppressed and the destitute (*Ps. 9:4, Ps. 7:8, Ps. 54:1, Dan. 7:22*). The promise is that the Lord will uphold His people's cause and defend them (*Deut. 32:36*). Thus, Psalm 135 aims to inspire God's people to trust in the Lord and to remain faithful to their covenant with Him.