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## YOUR MERCY REACHES UNTO THE HEAVENS

**Read for This Week's Study:** *Psalm 136, Psalm 51, Psalm 130, Psalm 113, Psalm 123.*

**Memory Text:** "I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations. For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds" (*Psalms 57:9, 10, NKJV*).

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**WEDNESDAY**

February 14

**Praise to the Majestic and Merciful God**

Read Psalms 113 and Psalm 123. What two different aspects of God's character are depicted in these Psalms?

**Psalms 113 1** Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord!

**2** Blessed be the name of the Lord From this time forth and forevermore!

**3** From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord's name *is* to be praised.

**Story:** what do I have to praise the Lord for?

**Luk 17:15** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

**Luk 17:16** And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

**Luk 17:17** And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?

**Luk 17:18** There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

**Luk 17:19** And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

**Psalms 113:4-6 4** The Lord *is* high above all nations, **His glory above the heavens.**

**5** Who *is* like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high,

**6** Who **humbles Himself** to behold *The things that are* in the heavens and in the earth?

**Philippians 2:5- 5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

**6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

**7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

**8** And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** and became obedient to *the point of* death, **even the death of the cross.**

**Psalms 113:7-7** He raises the poor out of the dust, **And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,**

**8** That He may seat *him* with princes— With the princes of His people.

**9** He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children.

Praise the Lord! Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.

**Psalms 123:1-2** 1 Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.  
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the Lord our God, Until He has mercy on us.

**Psalms 123:3-4** 3 Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.  
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled With the scorn of those who are at ease, With the contempt of the proud.

>> Notice change to plural...

**Scorn:** H3933 (Brown-Driver-Briggs) la'ag BDB Definition:

1) **mocking, derision**, stammering, ridicule

1a) mocking, derision

1b) stammerings

**Lamentation 3:22-23** 22 *Through* the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, **Because His compassions fail not.**

23 *They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

**Psalm 103:10-11** 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

**Filled With the scorn & With the contempt of the proud**

Psalm 40:11- 11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me.

**13** Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me!

Psalm 40:-16 14 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil.

15 Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The Lord be magnified!"

Psalm 94:**1** O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongs-- O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

**2** Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.

**3** Lord, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

Psalm 94:**4-9** 4 They utter speech, and speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.

5 They break in pieces Your people, O Lord, And afflict Your heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, "The Lord does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

8 Understand, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise?

9 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?

**Psalm 94:16-23** 16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 **Unless the Lord had been my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence.**

18 If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O Lord, will hold me up.

19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?

21 They gather together against the life of the righteous, And condemn innocent blood.

22 But the Lord has been my defense, And my God the rock of my refuge.

23 He has brought on them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own wickedness; The Lord our God shall cut them off.

**Psalms 113 and 123 praise both the majesty and mercy of the Lord.** The Lord's majesty is revealed in the greatness of His name and in the exalted place of His throne, which is above all nations and above the heavens (*Ps. 113:4, 5; Ps. 123:1*).

"Who is like

**the LORD our God" (*Ps. 113:5, NKJV*) is a statement of faith that no power within or outside of the world can challenge the God of Israel.**

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The unapproachable heights where the Lord dwells are illustrated through the fact that the Lord is willing to "humble Himself" or "stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth" (see *Ps. 113:6, NIV*; emphasis supplied). **God's abiding on high does not prevent Him from seeing what is occurring here below.** The Lord's mercy is manifested in His gracious readiness to be involved with the world and to save the needy and poor from their troubles. His generous hand is obviously not hidden from His servants, though His dwelling place is in distant heavens.

**God's greatness and care, which cannot be fully discerned in God's amazing transcendence, becomes explicit in God's deeds of mercy and compassion.** The needy, the poor, and the oppressed might experience firsthand God's sovereign power in the remarkable reversals that He can perform in their favor. The exalted God manifests His greatness by using His power to exalt the downcast. The people are free to approach the Lord because His sovereign majesty and supremacy do not change the fact that He is their gracious Creator and Sustainer and that the people are His servants, His beloved children.

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**Worship is, thus, motivated, not only by God's magnificence but also by His goodness.** Praise is not limited by time and space (*Ps. 113:2, 3*). God's greatness and mercy are best manifested in Jesus Christ, who was willing to stoop down from heaven and be brought as low as death on the cross in order to lift up fallen humanity (*Phil. 2:6-8*). Here, in the cross, we have the greatest reasons possible to worship and praise God for what He had done for us.

**Psalm 37:1-5 1** A Psalm of David. Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

**2** For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

**3** Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

**4** Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

**5** Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

[Praise to the Majestic  
and Merciful God]

Dwell on the cross and what happened there for you personally. What has Jesus saved you from? Why is it so important to keep the cross foremost in your mind?