

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Psalm 137.

Psalm 135:1-3 "Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord,

give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord,

in the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!" (ESV)

David Guzik comments: "Praise the LORD: Psalm 135 begins and ends with this phrase. It is a call for stirring, passionate praise to God, but not one that runs only on the fuel of emotion. This psalm gives many reasonable, logical reasons why we should praise the LORD.

i. Meyer described the characteristics of praise: "In this, we adore God for all that He is in Himself. Forgetting our own petty interests and concerns, our me and my and mine, we take our stand with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven in crying, Thou art worthy, O holy, holy, holy Lord! Heaven and earth are full of Thy great glory. Glory be unto Thee, O God Most High!"

ii. "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." (Former Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple, cited in Boice)"

Worship should not be coerced, nor should worship be for self. Worship is to be given to God because of who He is and what He does. Spurgeon comments: "The first fourteen verses contain an exhortation to praise Jehovah for his goodness (Ps 135:3), for his electing love (Ps 135:4), his greatness (Ps 135:5-7) his judgments (Ps 135:8-12), his unchanging character (Ps 135:13), and his love towards his people."

"Praise the Lord."