

**Sermon Notes**

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**Title:** THE GLORY-WORTHY NAME

--worship text: Daniel 4:34-37--

**Main Text:** Psalm 115

**Aim:** EXHORTATION TO MAGNIFY THE LORD IN DEFIANCE OF IDOLAROUS PROPAGANDA...

**Sermon Description:** Psalm 115, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 'Hallel' songs sets forth a clear perspective for the discerning. If Yahweh is creator/ruler of all reality from the heavens (realms beyond our tangible grasp), to earth (the domain of human beings)... How are we to view our relationship to Him and how are we to weigh the claims of His enemies? The psalmist's logic is transcendental. He answers these questions from an over-arching vantage point. As created beings, we can only exploit created resources to advance the foolishness of idolatry. Idolaters cannot construct, conceive, or promote anything without commandeering created resources granted to us by the steadfast love and faithfulness of the One True Sovereign. Every notion is inherently and inextricably dependent on the faculties and provisions granted us by the Maker of heaven and earth. As such, every attempt to deny, subvert, or supplant the Almighty inadvertently and ironically testifies to our folly and His authority. Given this reality, Ps 115 serves to rouse the people of God from the slumbers of discouragement unto praise as the bluff of the ungodly is called via God-breathed satire reminiscent of Is 44:9-20, where the prophet exposes the deluded heart of the unbeliever who cannot so much as admit the absurdity of burning half a tree for fuel and worshipping the other half. Historical contexts for the use of Ps 115 further illustrate its value in trying times. II Kings 18b-37, for instance, records the words of Israel's enemies at the time of Hezekiah. How should God's people confront the message of the 'Rabshakeh' of the king of Assyria? What of our day? Do we live in an era and among a culture steeped in brash defiance against their creator? The whole scale assault on the created order is evidence enough of idolatrous propaganda blasting through the loud speakers of our culture. Ps 115 reminds us that the Word of God is louder still...

**Heading: THE 3-FOLD ENTREATY OF PSALM 115...**

**1. A CALL TO GLORIFY** (Psalm 115:1-8)

- a. Glory & steadfast love
- b. The 'free-est' will
- c. The folly of idolatry (I Kings 18:27-29)

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**2. A CALL TO TRUST** (9-15)

- a. Trustees
- b. Trustworthiness
- c. The fullness of blessing

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**3. A CALL TO BLESS** (16-18)

- a. Creational inheritance
- b. Instruments of blessing
- c. Eternal life purpose

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**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme: Glorify	Theme: Trust	Theme: Bless	Theme: Historical context	Theme: Historical context	Theme: Next Week

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Ps 115:1-8	9-15	16-18	II Kings 18:32-37	I Kings 18	Gen 24:1-14

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