

Psalms 117

THE GREAT MERCY AND
ENDURING TRUTH OF THE LORD

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Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! (2) For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

- Praise the Lord
 - Hebrew: Halal Jehovah (Jah) (*Hallelujah*)
 - Greek: *Alleluia*

All Gentiles, All People

- Malachi 1:11 | *“For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations,” Says the Lord of hosts.*
- Jonah, Nahum (to/about Nineveh)
- Obadiah (to Edom)

The Gentiles Praise God

- Theme in the New Testament
 - Acts 2:21 | *And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
 - Acts 15:7-11, 17
 - (verse 17) *“So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by my name ...”* (Amos 9:12)
 - Acts 13:46-49
 - Romans 15:7-11 (be likeminded, *that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify God ...*)

For His Great Merciful Kindness

- 1 Peter 1:3, 8; 2 Peter 3:7-9
- Psalms 103:2-4, 8-10, 11-14
 - God has not dealt with us in anger
 - As a father pities his children
 - Psalms 99:8
 - In reference to Moses, Aaron, and Samuel:
 - “You answered them, O Lord our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, though you took vengeance on their deeds.”*

For His Great Merciful Kindness

- We each face the great burden that our sin places upon our conscience.
- Yet God has shown us mercy to relieve us.
- Psalms 38:4-8
- Matthew 11:28-29 | *“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

The Truth of the Lord Endures Forever

- Psalms 119:89-91, 99-100, 160
- Psalms 100:5
*—For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.*
- Hebrews 1:1-2; 2:1-4
- Hebrews 4:11-13
- Hebrews 13:8 | *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and forever.*

Conclusion

- When we consider His great mercy toward us and the surety of His promises and His faithfulness, we too can praise the Lord with all that is within us.
- *Praise Jehovah!* Sing “Hallelujah” to the Lord!