

A Prayer Book for All of Life
August 11, 2024 – Psalm 115
God's Blessing for His Glory
Elder Conner Nicklas

Reflections
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- I. Verses 1-3 Our God is sovereign and all powerful
 - A. To God be all the glory
 - i. We often confuse our position with God
 - B. While we are not the main character, God chooses to show us mercy without compromising truth all for His glory
 - C. Our God is very real and He rules heaven
- II. Verses 4-8 Idols: A stark contrast to the living God
 - A. Idols and those that make them share the same folly
 - i. They have mouths but do not speak
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 - iv. Ultimately, they put their trust in counterfeit gods because they do not know the true God
- III. Verses 9-18 Know God and ask for His blessing
 - A. Pray for knowledge and trust in the Lord
 - B. Ask for God's blessing
 - i. God has promised to bless His children
 - ii. Use God's blessing to show that our God is the God of the living!

Conclusion: We are not the main benefactor of God's blessing. Remember that God's blessings are to be used for God's glory.

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1. What is this passage telling me about who God is (His character, actions, attributes, Word)?
2. What themes do I see here, and how do any of those connect with what I am currently facing?
3. What actions are being commanded, encouraged, celebrated, prohibited, or warned against?
4. What is the main purpose of this passage, and does it bring other passages to mind?
5. How does this passage point me to Jesus, and help me to see the gospel more clearly?

Do the Word

1. How do my actions, thoughts, words or emotions need to change in light of this passage?
2. What evidence of God's work in my life do I need to thank and praise Him for?
3. How does my prayer life need to change as a result of this?
4. Do I see any other way that this should impact my worship of God?

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