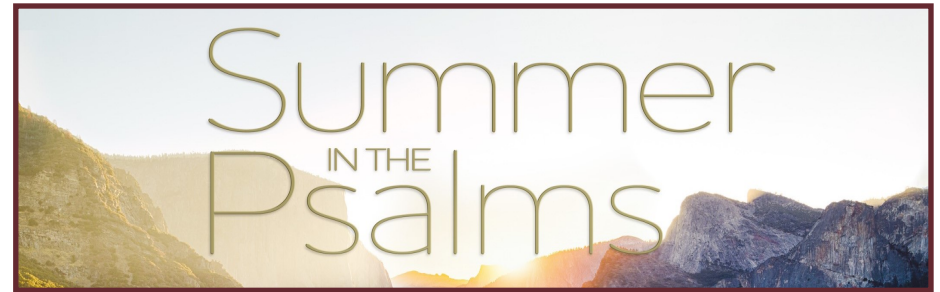


Reflection Questions: What are some ways in which I am seeking my own glory instead of God's glory? What have I allowed in my life to become an idol? How will I get rid of it and trust God alone? How am I blessing the Lord today? How am I actively praising Him? How can I ensure I will do this *from this time forth and forever*?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Psalm 115

Sermon
Notes

August 22, 2021

1. Our Glorious God (1-3)

Quotes to Ponder

If He blesseth, poverty cannot starve thee, sickness cannot kill thee, toil cannot wear thee out, sorrow cannot consume thee, life cannot allure thee, death cannot slay thee, hell cannot enclose thee.

Though the dead cannot, and the wicked will not, and the careless do not praise God, yet we will shout "Hallelujah" for ever and ever. Amen.

Charles Spurgeon

We are ever in danger of putting the welfare of man before the glory of God.

G. Campbell Morgan

What is idolatry? Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed Himself in His Word.

Dane Ortlund

Men make gods after their own image, and, when made, the gods make men after theirs. The same principle which degrades the idolater lifts the Christian to the likeness of Christ.

Alexander Maclaren

All is His, but we are His substantial heirs and trustees. There is generosity in the phrase, "the earth He has given;" there is responsibility as well, for we are not its makers, nor is it simply "there" as meaningless matter to exploit. Behind the gift is the Giver.

Derek Kidner

2. Our Living God (4-8)

3. Our Giving God (9-15)

4. Our Praiseworthy God (16-18)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

Isaiah 40:18-20 —

Jeremiah 10:1-16 —

2. Read *Psalms 115*. Compare and contrast what the psalmist says about the true God and the gods of mankind?

Isaiah 41:7-10 —

Jeremiah 16:19-20 —

3. What is the basic struggle we all battle that the psalmist identifies in *Psalms 115:1*?

Isaiah 44:6-23 —

Habakkuk 2:18-20 —

4. How do we take glory that should only go to God Himself?

9. What does *Psalms 115:8* mean? How does this happen?

5. What do the following passages say about God and His glory?
Numbers 14:13-16 — *Ezekiel 20:9, 14* —

10. What are some ways we drift into idolatry? How can we avoid this?

Isaiah 48:9, 11 —

Ezekiel 36:21-23 —

11. In *Psalms 115:9-15* what words and phrases are repeated and why?

Who are the three groups spoken of?

6. Define the two characteristics of God mentioned in *Psalms 115:1*. What is their significance?

What does it mean to have God as your *help* and *shield*?

7. Why would those observing believers say, *Where, now, is their God?* (*Psalms 115:2*)?

12. What is the thought being expressed in *Psalms 115:16*? What does this mean?

How does the psalmist answer this question (*Psalms 115:3*)? What does this mean?

13. What is meant by *Psalms 115:17*? Explain.

8. How are idols described in the following passages?

Psalms 115:4-7 —

Isaiah 46:1-7 —

14. How does *Psalms 115:18* bring us back to verse 1?

How can we *bless the Lord*?