

Psalm 135-136, 1 Corinthians 12(New King James Version)

Psalm 135

Praise to God in Creation and Redemption

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD;
Praise *Him*, O you servants of the LORD!
² You who stand in the house of the LORD,
In the courts of the house of our God,
³ Praise the LORD, for the LORD *is* good;
Sing praises to His name, for *it is* pleasant.
⁴ For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel for His special treasure.

⁵ For I know that the LORD *is* great,
And our Lord *is* above all gods.
⁶ Whatever the LORD pleases He does,
In heaven and in earth,
In the seas and in all deep places.
⁷ He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
He makes lightning for the rain;
He brings the wind out of His treasuries.

⁸ He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
⁹ He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.
¹⁰ He defeated many nations
And slew mighty kings—
¹¹ Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan—
¹² And gave their land *as* a heritage,
A heritage to Israel His people.

¹³ Your name, O LORD, *endures* forever,
Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.
¹⁴ For the LORD will judge His people,
And He will have compassion on His servants.

¹⁵ The idols of the nations *are* silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
¹⁶ They have mouths, but they do not speak;

Eyes they have, but they do not see;
¹⁷ They have ears, but they do not hear;
Nor is there *any* breath in their mouths.
¹⁸ Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.

¹⁹ Bless the LORD, O house of Israel!
Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron!
²⁰ Bless the LORD, O house of Levi!
You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
²¹ Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwells in Jerusalem!

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 136

Thanksgiving to God for His Enduring Mercy

¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.
² Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!
For His mercy *endures* forever.
³ Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!
For His mercy *endures* forever:

⁴ To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
⁵ To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
⁶ To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
⁷ To Him who made great lights,
For His mercy *endures* forever—
⁸ The sun to rule by day,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
⁹ The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His mercy *endures* forever.

¹⁰ To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
¹¹ And brought out Israel from among them,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
¹² With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
¹³ To Him who divided the Red Sea in two,

For His mercy *endures* forever;
14 And made Israel pass through the midst of it,

For His mercy *endures* forever;
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
16 To Him who led His people through the wilderness,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
17 To Him who struck down great kings,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
18 And slew famous kings,
For His mercy *endures* forever—
19 Sihon king of the Amorites,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
20 And Og king of Bashan,
For His mercy *endures* forever—
21 And gave their land as a heritage,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
22 A heritage to Israel His servant,
For His mercy *endures* forever.

23 Who remembered us in our lowly state,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
24 And rescued us from our enemies,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
25 Who gives food to all flesh,
For His mercy *endures* forever.

26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven!
For His mercy *endures* forever.

1 Corinthians 12

Spiritual Gifts: Unity in Diversity

¹ Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that^[a] you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same^[b] Spirit, ¹⁰ to

another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Unity and Diversity in One Body

¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into^[c] one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be*?

²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ *Are* all apostles? *Are* all prophets? *Are* all teachers? *Are* all workers of miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best^[d] gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.