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This is another of the Hallelujah-psalms; Praise the Lord = Hallu YAH.

This is a remarkable song. In it the greatness and the almighty goodness of the Lord are celebrated. The God of Israel is set forth in His unique glory as caring for the sorrowing, the insignificant, and forgotten. It is a Psalm of the city and the field. Mercy = getting what we do not deserve.

The song appears to divide itself into three portions. YHWH is extolled for building up Zion – the Flock (1-6); praise is given due to His concern for the lowly and His pleasure with them (7-11); and then He is magnified for His work on behalf of His people, and the power of His word in nature and in grace (12-20) – Charles Spurgeon.



- ¹ Praise the Lord: for it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and beautiful to praise Him.
- ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem: and the exiles of Israel He gathers together.
- ³He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴He counts the number of the stars; all of them He calls by name
- ⁵Great is our LORD, and mighty in power: His understanding is infinite.
- ⁶The LORD lifts up the meek: but He casts down the wrongdoer to the ground.

Think about it: Only He can count the mighty host, and as He made them and sustains them. He can number them. To the Lord, stars are mere coins, which the merchant tells as he put them into his



bag. From stars to sighs is a deep descent. From worlds to wounds is a distance which only infinite compassion can bridge - Charles Spurgeon.

The immense distance which the nearest stars are known to be, proves that they are bodies of a prodigious size, not inferior to our own sun; and that they shine, not by reflected rays, but by their own native light. In this verse we have three of God's attributes, His greatness, His power and His knowledge. – John Conant, 1608-1693.

It is one of the glories of our God for which His people praise Him, that He deposes the mighty from their seats, and has exalted them of low degree. How wonderful will be the reversal when God places the last first and the first last. He is definitely a little smarter than anyone I know; and for sure, He is able to multitask.



⁷Sing to the LORD giving thanks; sing praise to our God with the harp:

⁸ who covers the heaven with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow upon the mountains.

⁹ He gives the animals their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

¹⁰He has no delight in the strength of a horse: He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy. / Think about it: Our God is a little smarter and a lot more powerful than anyone I know. He doesn't get excited over some snorting thoroughbred, or enthralled with some brawny birdbrain, who will be flabby and still stupid before you can say, a dozen donuts, please.

12 Praise the Lord,

O Jerusalem; praise Your God, O Zion – O sheep.

¹³ For He strengthened the bars of Your gates; He blessed Your children within You.

¹⁴ He makes peace in Your borders, and fills You with the finest wheat.

¹⁵He sends forth His instruction upon earth: His word runs very swiftly.

16 He gives snow like wool: He scatters the frost like ashes / here are instances of the power of God upon the elements. None can resist the utmost rigors of cold... any more than they can bear the intensity of heat. His withdrawals of light is a darkness that may be felt, and His withdrawal of heat is a cold which is absolutely invincible – Charles Spurgeon.

¹⁷He casts forth its ice like morsels: who can withstand its cold?



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¹⁸He sends out His word, and melts them: He causes the wind to blow, and the waters flow.

¹⁹He shows His word to scoundrel Jacob, His rules and His justice to those ruled by God.

²⁰He has not dealt so with any other nation: as for His orders, they have not known them.

Think about it: He created this world for His people to share their mutual bond with one another; God did not intend to do all the work, while the goofy creation wandered off the cliff. The nations didn't know His judgments until His people proved their high calling, and moved among them; this task He gave to those ruled by Him, who took His great name to the ends of the earth; that others will know Him too; and knowing Him, would shout:

Praise the Lord.

Salvation is Your Name | This is My Father's World | JESUS it is YOU

The Spirit and the Bride Say Come

His Sheep Hear His Voice And Follow Him

Every Praise

Genesis: One Blood, One Race

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Dr James Tour a world leading expert on nanotechnology Dr James Tour: his testimony

Steve Olin's testimony: a Jewish billionaire

Jesus Christ and Nanotechnology

God of Wonders: The Privileged Planet

Fibonacci in Nature; The Code of Life | We Came From Where?

3 Days are still on His Calendar