

PSALM 115

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1. No, not to us, O LORD, but to Your name
 be all the glo-ry. With our loud ac-claim
 we hon-our and a-dore You.
 Your stead-fast love and faith-ful-ness we laud.
 Why should the na-tions ask, "Where is their God?"
 and in their pride ig-nore You?

2. Our *God*, enthroned on *heaven's cherubim*,
 will bring to *pass whatever* pleases Him.
 The *idols of the nations*,
 though *skilful* works of *silver and of gold*,
 are *merely* things that *hands of men did* mould
 into *abominations*.
3. Though *they have* mouths, they *cannot make* a sound.
Their eyes are blind: they cannot look around
 at *any sacrifices*.
 They *may have* ears, but *they can never* hear;
 their *nostrils cannot smell though men draw* near
 with *frankincense and spices*.

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4. Though they have hands, they can-not touch or feel,
and at dead feet do their a-dor-ers kneel.
Though pre-cious stones en-crust them,
yet from their mouths no words can ev-er come.
Their mak-ers will, like them, grow deaf and dumb,
And so will all who trust them.

5. O *Israel*, trust *only in the LORD!*
Praise Him, your help and shield, with one accord;
His power will protect you.
O house of Aaron, put in God your trust;
all you who fear Him, in the LORD find rest
when woes and cares afflict you.

6. The *LORD will not forget us but will bless*
all who in Him alone their faith confess
with thanks for all He gave them.
On Aaron's house and on His Israel,
on all who fear Him will His blessings dwell;
both small and great, He saves them.

7. May *He, the LORD*, give you a rich increase,
you and your *children with His* bounties please.
May *God bless you from heaven*;
by *Him* was all creation fathered forth.
To *Him* belong the heavens, but the earth
the *LORD* to man has given.

8. The *dead cannot in God the LORD* rejoice;
those who go down to silence cannot voice
a new song to revere Him.
But we will bless the *LORD* for evermore,
from *this time* forth and *always* Him adore.
Praise then the *LORD* and fear Him.