



“A Crescendo of Praise”

Psalm 113:1-9 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*To honor and celebrate mothers today we will look at a lesser-known tribute to mothers.*

I. A Song of Praise to God.

- A. Psalm 113 is the beginning of the “Hallel” Psalms.
- B. What does it mean to praise God?
 - 1. The word “Hallel” means to praise and conveys the idea of “shine on” or “boast in.”
 - 2. Praise means to shine our attention on who God is or what He has done.
- C. Psalm 113 is a song with musical qualities.
- D. Psalm 113 describes the who, what, how, when and why of praising God.
 - 1. Who:
 - 2. What and How:
 - 3. When:
 - 4. Why:
- E. A question that highlights YHWH’s unique glory. (v.5)

II. A Crescendo of Praise

- A. What is unique about YHWH?
 - 1. He is enthroned on high.
 - 2. He makes Himself low.
- B. How YHWH responds to what He sees.
 - 1. He raises the poor from the dust.
 - 2. He lifts the needy from the ash heap.
 - 3. He makes the barren woman a mother.
- C. Becoming a mother is a miracle.
 - 1. Eve
 - 2. Hannah
 - 3. Mary
- D. Becoming a mother is the crescendo of praise to God in this song.
 - 1. Children are a gift from God.
 - 2. God’s gifts are accompanied by joy.
- E. Lessons to experience joy.
 - 1. Recognize the gifts from God.
 - 2. Realize the source of joy.

Conclusion.