

"Not To Us"
Psalm 115
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BIG IDEA:Worship God Alone.

1. Remember God (vv. 1, 3, 15-16)

a. God is the Loving King (v. 1)

b. God is the Sovereign Ruler and Almighty Creator (vv. 3, 15)

Charles Spurgeon. "Supreme above all opposing powers, he rises above the loftiest thought of the wise; absolute in will and infinite in power, he is superior to the limitations which belong to earth and time. This God is *our* God and we are not ashamed to own him, albeit he may not work miracles at the beck and call of every vain-glorious boaster who may choose to challenge him."

c. God is the Strategic Mobilizer (v. 16)

1. We are called to bring him glory.
2. We are called to multiply our worship.

2. Cast Down Idols (vv. 2-8)

a. Because They are Worthless (vv. 2-7)

Isaiah 40:18-20. *¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? ¹⁹ An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. ²⁰ He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.*

b. Because They are Deadly (v. 8)

Romans 1:21-25. *²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

2 Corinthians 3:18. *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.*

Romans 8:29. *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

3. Abide in Christ (vv. 9-18)

a. In Christ there is care and protection. (vv. 9-11)

b. In Christ there is blessing. (vv. 12-18)

Revelation 7:9-10. *⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

John 15:9-11. *⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

[BENEDICTION]

1 Chronicles 16:24-27

24 *Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

25 *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be feared above all gods.*

26 *For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.*

27 *Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.*