

What are we looking forward to?

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Psalm 117

We praise God because of His love and faithfulness.

- “Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!” - Psalm 117:1-2
- The writer of Psalm 117 is anonymous, we don’t know who the author was, but we do get a look at the heart of God for all the nations to worship Him. This Psalm calls for the whole world to praise God.

Psalm 117 is part of a group of six songs sung as the Hebrews celebrate Passover and other important holidays.

- Psalms 113-118: known as the Egyptian Hallel.
- Psalm 114: A celebration of the children of Israel’s Exodus out of Egypt.

“This tiny psalm is great in faith, and its reach is enormous.” – Derek Kindler

- “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, „Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
- Revelation 7:9-10

Let’s Connect

- Have you ever been to a different country? What country would you like to visit?

Let’s Talk About It

Songs have a way of bringing emotion out of us. Some songs bring a smile to our faces, some help us relax, while others make us cry. The Psalms could be called the Bible’s songbook. Each Psalm was initially written as a song to reflect on the greatness of who God is and how He cares for His people.

We do many things as Christians on Earth that we WON’T be doing in Heaven. But one thing will remain: the praise and worship of God. We do that here on earth and be doing it for eternity.

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- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Read Psalm 117:1-2. What does this scripture mean to you? What emotions resonate with you after reading it?
- Is God calling you to a nation in desperate need of his love and faithfulness? If so, which one? And what is stopping you from taking that first step?
- Why does God deserve praise and adoration? Have there been moments in your life when praising God has been challenging? How has God shown his faithfulness to you during these times?

Take a Step

- How will you implement what you learned from the sermon into the upcoming week?

Here’s My Prayer

Thank you, LORD, for your word, which inspires our souls. May we continue to grow in our passion to know You more and to worship You because You are worthy of our praise. I pray for everyone here that they would grow in their love for You and to make You known to all people, tribes, and tongues.