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Golden Text: Psalms 106:1, 2

1 Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. **2** Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise?

Responsive Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:8, 9, 12, 14, 24, 29, 31, 32, 34

8 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. **9** Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. **12** Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, **14** He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. **24** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. **29** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. **31** Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" **32** Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! **34** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalms 100:1, 2, 4

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. **2** Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. **4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Section 1: (1) Revelation 11:17

17 saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

(2) Psalms 145:10-12

10 All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you. **11** They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, **12** so that all people

may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

(3) Psalms 69:30

30 I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

(4) Psalms 136:1, 25, 26

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. **25** He gives food to every creature. His love endures forever. **26** Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.

(5) Deuteronomy 11:1, 7

1 Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always. **7** But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the LORD has done.

Section 2: (6) 1 Samuel 2:3

3 "Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the LORD is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

Section 3: (7) Psalms 147:5, 7

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. **7** Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.

(8) 1 Kings 4:1, 24, 29

1 So King Solomon ruled over all Israel. **24** For he ruled over all the kingdoms west of the Euphrates River, from Tiphshah to Gaza, and had peace on all sides. **29** God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.

(9) Kings 5:1, 2-5, 7, 10, 12

1 When Hiram king of Tyre heard that Solomon had been anointed king to succeed his father David, he sent his envoys to Solomon, because he had always been on

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friendly terms with David. **2** Solomon sent back this message to Hiram: **3** “You know that because of the wars waged against my father David from all sides, he could not build a temple for the Name of the LORD his God until the LORD put his enemies under his feet. **4** But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side, and there is no adversary or disaster. **5** I intend, therefore, to build a temple for the Name of the LORD my God, as the LORD told my father David, when he said, ‘Your son whom I will put on the throne in your place will build the temple for my Name.’ **7** When Hiram heard Solomon’s message, he was greatly pleased and said, “Praise be to the LORD today, for he has given David a wise son to rule over this great nation.” **10** In this way Hiram kept Solomon supplied with all the cedar and juniper logs he wanted, **12** The LORD gave Solomon wisdom, just as he had promised him. There were peaceful relations between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty.

(10) 1 Kings 6:14

14 So Solomon built the temple and completed it.

(11) 1 Kings 8:22, 23

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven **23** and said: “LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

(12) 1 Kings 9:3

3 The LORD said to him: “I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

(13) 2 Chronicles 9:29, 30

29 As for the other events of Solomon’s reign, from beginning to end, are they not written in the records of Nathan the prophet, in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam son of Nebat? **30** Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

(14) Colossians 3:15

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Section 4: (15) Psalms 150:1, 2

1 Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. **2** Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

(16) Matthew 9:35

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

(17) Matthew 15:32-38

you have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.” **33** His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?” **34** “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.” **35** He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. **36** Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. **37** They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. **38** The

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number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.

(18) John 21:25

25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

(19) Revelation 7:12

12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Section 5: (20) Psalms 145:3, 4

3 Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. **4** One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

(21) Psalms 116:1, 7, 17

1 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. **7** Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you. **17** I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

(22) Acts 3:1-9

1 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. **2** Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. **6** Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." **7** Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the

man's feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. **9** When all the people saw him walking and praising God,

(23) Psalms 50:14

14 "Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,

(24) 2 Corinthians 9:15

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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