

Golden Text:

Psalm 106: Praise the Eternal!

Thank Him because He is good
and His loyal love will never end.

² Who could *find words* to tell of the Eternal's mighty
deeds

or give Him all the praise *He deserves?*

Responsive Reading:

I Chronicles 16: ⁸ Give thanks to the Eternal, and call out
to Him.

Teach the people His deeds.

⁹ Sing to Him! Sing praises to Him!

Talk about all His wonders.

¹² Remember the wonders which He did,
and the judgments which He spoke.

¹⁴ He is the Eternal One, your God.

His judgments fill the earth.

²⁴ Enlighten the nations to His splendor;
describe His wondrous acts to all people!

²⁹ Credit Him with the glory worthy of
His *magnificent* name;
gather your sacrifice, and present it before Him.

Bow down to the Eternal, adorned in holiness.

³¹ Heavens, be glad; earth, rejoice.
Say to the nations, "The Eternal One reigns."

³² The sea roars, as do its creatures.
The field rejoices, as do its crops.

³⁴ Give testimony about the Eternal because He is good;
His loyal love lasts forever.

Psalm 100: ¹ Raise your voices;
make a beautiful noise to the Eternal, all the earth.

² Serve the Eternal gladly;
enter into His presence singing songs of joy!

⁴ Go through His gates, giving thanks;
walk through His courts, giving praise.
Offer Him your gratitude and praise His *holy* name.

Section 1

1. Revelation 11: : ¹⁷ 24 Elders: We give You thanks,
Lord God, the All Powerful,
who is and who was.

For You have wielded Your great power
and have begun Your reign.

2. Psalm 145: ¹⁰ All creation will stand in awe of You, O
Eternal One.

Thanks will pour from *the mouths* of every one of
Your creatures;
Your holy people will bless You.

¹¹ *They will not be silent*; they will talk of the grandeur
of Your kingdom
and celebrate *the wonder* of Your power

¹² Until everyone on earth *who has ears to hear* knows
Your valiant acts
and the splendor of Your kingdom.

3. Psalm 69: ³⁰ The name of the True God will be my
song,
an uplifting tune of *praise and* thanksgiving!

4. Psalm 136: ¹ Let your heart overflow with praise to
the Eternal, for He is good,
for His faithful love lasts forever.

²⁵ Who provides food for every living thing,
for His faithful love lasts forever.

²⁶ *Let your heart overflow with praise* to the True God
of heaven,
for His faithful love lasts forever.

5. Deuteronomy 11: Moses: So love the Eternal your
God and always obey His requirements, regulations,
judgments, and commands.

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⁷ Therefore, as eyewitnesses of all the great things the Eternal did,

Section 2

6. I Samuel 2: ³ ...For the Eternal One is a True God who knows,
and He weighs the actions *He sees*.

Section 3

7. Psalm 147: ⁵ Our Lord is great. *Nothing is impossible* with His overwhelming power.
He is *loving, compassionate, and wise* beyond all measure.

⁷ *Open your mouths* with thanks!
Sing praises to the Eternal!
Strum the harp *in unending praise* to our God

8. I Kings 4: King Solomon reigned over Israel....

²⁴ Solomon reigned over all places and people and kings to the west of the *Euphrates* River, from Tiphseh all the way to Gaza *on the Mediterranean*. Solomon's reign had peace on all sides:

²⁹ God gave Solomon wisdom and discernment: his mind was as expansive as the sands of the beach;

9. I Kings 5: News of Solomon's succession of David reached the ears of Hiram, king of Tyre. Because Hiram was a friend of David,

he sent a group of his servants to visit Solomon. ² Solomon gave a message *to Hiram's servants*, which they took back to Hiram.

Solomon's Message: ³ You remember that David did not have the opportunity to construct a temple honoring the reputation of the Eternal his God, because of *my father's involvement* in the warfare which plagued him until the Eternal suppressed all of

his enemies under his feet. ⁴ But the Eternal One my God now grants me rest everywhere. We are not plagued by enemies or troubles. ⁵ Therefore, I am going to construct a temple for the name of the Eternal my God. It will be just as He told David, my father: "Your son, whom I will put upon your throne after you are gone, will construct a temple honoring Me."

⁷ When Hiram received this message from Solomon, he celebrated.

Hiram: Blessed is the Eternal today! *Praise Him* for giving David *Solomon*, the wise son who rules a great people!

¹⁰ Hiram sent all the cedar and cypress trees Solomon had requested.

¹² The Eternal One upheld His promise to Solomon and granted him much wisdom. Hiram and Solomon were at peace with each other, and they entered into a covenant.

10. I Kings 6: ¹⁴ Solomon built the temple, and he completed the task.

11. I Kings 8: ²² Solomon was standing in front of the Eternal's altar before the entire community of Israel, and he lifted his hands up toward heaven.

Solomon: ²³ O Eternal One, Israel's God, there is no other God who compares to You in heaven or on earth. You have guarded Your covenant and revealed Your loyal love to those who serve You with all their being.

12. I Kings 9: **Eternal One:** ³ I have received all the prayers and requests you have prayed to Me, *and I have honored what you have asked of Me*. I have consecrated this temple, which you have raised, by putting My name there forever. My eyes and heart will be there continuously.

13. II Chronicles 9: ²⁹ The actions of King Solomon, from his birth until his death, are recorded in the chronicles

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of Nathan the prophet, in the prophecies of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer (*specifically those concerning Jeroboam, son of Nebat*).

³⁰ Solomon’s rule over all Israel lasted 40 years—*during which time he governed from his capital city, Jerusalem*.

14. Colossians 3:¹⁵ Let your hearts fall under the rule of the Anointed’s peace (the peace you were called to as one body), and be thankful.

Section 4

15. Psalm 150: ¹ Praise the Eternal!
Praise the True God inside His temple.

Praise Him beneath massive skies, *under moonlit stars and rising sun*.

² Praise Him for His powerful acts, *redeeming His people*.

Praise Him for His greatness that surpasses *our time and understanding*.

[Bible note: If Psalm 150 is any indication, then the worship of the one True God ought to be full of life and energy. Consider what it must have looked and sounded like in those days: voices lifted, shouting for joy, trumpets blaring, stringed instruments playing, people dancing, pipes humming, tambourines keeping rhythm, cymbals crashing. There are times when worship ought to break out in joy. Is it possible that our worship is too quiet, too reserved, too structured?]

16. Matthew 9: ³⁵ Jesus went through many towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues. He preached the good news of the kingdom of God. He healed every disease and sickness.

17. Matthew 15: **Jesus** (to His disciples): ³² We must take pity on these people for they have touched My heart; they have been with Me for three days, and they

don’t have any food. I don’t want to send them home this hungry—they might collapse on the way!

Disciples: ³³ We’ll never find enough food for all these people, out here in the middle of nowhere!

Jesus: ³⁴ How much bread do you have?

Disciples: Seven rounds of flatbread and a few small fish.

³⁵ He told the crowd to sit down. ³⁶ He took the bread and the fish, He gave thanks, and then He broke the bread and divided the fish. He gave the bread and fish to the disciples, the disciples distributed them to the people, ³⁷ and everyone ate and was satisfied. When everyone had eaten, the disciples picked up seven baskets of *crusts and broken pieces and crumbs*.

³⁸ There were 4,000 men there, not to mention all the women and children.

18. John 21: ²⁵ There are so many other things that Jesus said and did; and if these accounts were also written down, the books could not be contained in the entire cosmos.

[Bible note: John has reached the end of his story. Future believers will go on without him, but not without his words. John’s voice is added to the voices of the prophets and the witnesses declaring God has become flesh as Jesus, who manifested true life in the midst of humanity. Now that’s a pretty big idea for a fisherman, but John goes to his grave bearing witness that it is true.

This account, in particular, shows how to enter into God’s kingdom through faith in Jesus so they can experience eternal life. This is his invitation to join him in this marvelous journey.]

19. Revelation 7: ¹² **Heavenly Messengers, Elders, and Living Creatures:** Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom
And thanksgiving and honor

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And power and might
Be to our God on and on throughout all the ages.

Section 5

20. Psalm 145: ³The Eternal is great and deserves endless praise;

His greatness knows no limit, recognizes no boundary.

No one can measure or comprehend His magnificence.

⁴One generation *after another* will celebrate Your great works;

they will pass on the story of Your powerful acts to their children.

21. Psalm 116: ¹I love the Eternal; for not only does He hear

my voice, my pleas for mercy,

⁷O my soul! Return *and relax*. Come to your *true* rest, for the Eternal has showered you with His favor.

¹⁷And I *come, eager to* offer a sacrifice of gratitude and call on the name of the Eternal.

22. Acts 3: One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, a customary time for daily prayer, Peter and John walked to the temple. ²Some people were carrying in a man who had been paralyzed since birth. Every day they brought him to a place near the beautiful gate (*one of the temple entrances*) so he could beg for money from people entering *to worship*. ³He saw Peter and John coming and asked them for a contribution. ⁴Peter gazed intensely at him—so did John.

Peter: Look at us.

⁵The man looked up at them, assuming they were about to give him some money.

Peter: ⁶I want to give you something, but I don't have any silver or gold. Here's what I can offer you: stand up and walk in the name of Jesus [Christ] of Nazareth, the Anointed One.

⁷Then Peter took the man's right hand and lifted him to his feet. Instantly the man's feet and ankles grew strong. ⁸He jumped and walked, accompanying Peter and John into the temple where he walked, jumped for joy, and shouted praises to God. ⁹⁻¹¹A crowd ran to the commotion, and they gathered around this man in an open area called Solomon's Porch. There he was, standing on his own two feet, holding on to Peter and John. They knew exactly who he was—the beggar they passed at the beautiful gate every day. Everyone was absolutely amazed at this wonderful miracle; they were speechless, stunned.

23. Psalm 50: ¹⁴Set out a sacrifice I can accept: your thankfulness.

Be true to your word to the Most High.

24. II Corinthians 9: ¹⁵Praise God for this *incredible, unbelievable*, indescribable gift!

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