

## **Glory Hallelujah**

Psalms 103

### **Discover**

Glory is the great beauty and royal majesty of God that causes our singing and dancing, our praising and praying. Hallelujah means “praise the Lord!” We speak this word as a public and personal sign of our participation in worship.

Our Father heals the brokenhearted; he gently cures our wounds. We praise him, because he created all the stars and gave names to each one. We praise him, because his power is limitless, his wisdom is boundless, and he lifts up the humble, raising them above the wicked. (Psalms 147:3-7)

Hannah calls God “the Most High.” He seats the homeless beside princes, raises the dead, protects the weak, guards the faithful, and judges the nations. (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Isaiah calls God “the Guiding Light to the Nations.” He reveals his righteousness through his faithfulness, guards and protects us, lights up the darkness, opens blind eyes, and delivers captives out of dungeons. (Isaiah 42:6-7)

Daniel calls God “the Ancient of Days.” His kingdom is holy, his dominion is everlasting, his power overcomes all wickedness and death, and all peoples, nations, and languages will praise his name. (Daniel 7:13-14)

Paul calls God “the Father of Compassion.” He has compassion on mankind and sent Jesus to rescue us. He is the God of all Comfort who journeys alongside us through painful suffering and challenging trials. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

This lesson will stoke the fire of your passion to worship God. He is worthy of all honor, glory, and praise. Let us praise the Lord day and night forever! (Psalms 145:1-2)



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## **Draw**

Joyful Praise: worshipers & flags - Our first service to our Father is praise and worship. Our Creator designed us to praise him. We praise him with all of our hearts and souls. We sing praises to him and remember who he is. (103:1-2)

Surefire Deliverance: broken chain - God forgives our sin, repairs our broken bodies, and rescues us out of hell. God is just, and his justice is perfect. He overcomes oppression, defeats persecution, and liberates slaves. (103:3-4,6)

Steadfast Freedom: bird & crown - We were once slaves to rebellion against God's leadership; now in Christ, we are free forever. He satisfies us in ways no one else can. He crowns us with love, mercy, and grace. (103:4-5,8)

Indescribable Love: mountain & stars - God's great love surpasses the distance between the earth and the stars. Our Father is the Surgical Sin Extractor; he casts out our wickedness, commanding it never to return. He baptizes our souls with new life and amazing grace. (103:11-13)

Brief Lifetime: plant & wind - King David compares the immeasurable glory of God with mankind's mortality. We are fragile people living in a vast universe. We are alive for one breath of eternity, so let us remain humble. (103:14-16)

Blessed Descendants: generations & crown - When we decide to follow Jesus and become his disciples, we open the door to our ancestral line, welcoming his blessings and protection over our children and grandchildren. (103:17-18)

Faithful Angels: warrior angel - The Bible describes several spiritual realms coexisting with the earthly realm where we live. God's angels praise him. All the holy beings and supernatural species he has created praise him. Everything belongs to our God; let all creation praise him! (103:19-22)

## **Discuss**

Read Psalms 103:2-13 and make a list of everything God does for us. When you hear about God's faithfulness and intentional love, how do you feel? How have you experienced one or more of these awe-inspiring works?

Read Psalms 103:13-18. How do we "keep" a covenant with God? How does our personal devotion to God affect our descendants? What is one specific way you can model your dedication to God in the presence of your children?

Read 2 Samuel 6:12-23. What do you think about a leaping and dancing king? Why was David's wife upset? What is the difference between David's heart and Michal's heart? How did David model unashamed public worship for us today?

Read Revelation 5:6-14. What are the different creatures in heaven? What are they celebrating? How is praising God described as a global event? How does seeing the praise of God by different species in this vision ignite our worship?

## **Disciple**

Let's get practical. What is praising and singing to God like for you every day? When do you set apart time in his Word? When do you listen to the Holy Spirit? Disciples of Jesus are able to praise God on their own without a worship leader or professional praise band. How do you praise the Lord alone? When does your family praise God together?

## **Dedicate**

Father, thank you for creating us for worship. We confess our struggle to praise you throughout the week. Please teach us how to praise you every day. We ask you to raise up our generation to praise you all the way to the ends of the earth, in Jesus' name and for his glory we pray, amen.