

BRINGING IT HOME

Worship God!

God's greatness deserves our worship. This week make a plan to worship God daily praising His greatness and thanking Him for the good things He has done for you. There are many ways to worship, so you might want to try a few that are different for you. Make notes about what you try and how worshipping God helps you see His greatness.

1. Pray Psalm 100. Rewrite it to insert your name, replace 'us' and 'we are' with 'me' and 'I am'.

2. Start a gratitude journal or jar. Every evening write down all the things, people, and blessings that you can thank God for that day.

3. Praise God in song. Listen to (and sing) songs praising God's greatness. A few suggestions: "Awesome God", "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord", "You Are God", "How Great Thou Art", and "You and You Alone/We Sing Worthy".

4. Go outside and thank God for His awesome creation.

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 1:3-14

1. The grandness of God is measured by what He has done for us. List the good things he wants to give you in Ephesians 1:3-14.
2. Where have these good gifts appeared in your life lately?
3. What things are blocking your view of God's goodness and greatness?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Psalm 121

Psalms 120-134 are referred to as the *Psalms of Ascent*. Jews sang these songs while making the long, often dangerous journey to Jerusalem to worship at the Temple three times a year during specific feasts. An important function of these Psalms was for the people to worship God during their journey and prepare themselves to be in His presence at the Temple.

1. What words suggest that this Psalm was written on or about a journey?
2. We may not be traveling on the road leading to Jerusalem, but we are on a journey in this world. What might our figurative “mountains” be today?
3. How does the Psalmist remind us of God’s greatness?
4. What kind of help does the Lord provide along our journey?
5. What has God done for you that showed you He is your Protector? How does that speak to you about His greatness?
6. In light of the assurances in this Psalm, how can we explain why some people do slip and fall?
7. Think about some people who are, or have been, a help to you on your journey. How have they helped you?
8. What are some specific ways God can help us that other people simply cannot? What is the danger in thinking that people can help us before God can?
9. Why do you think God watches over us like this? Is it so we can have a better life here on earth or is it something more than that?

LIFE CHECK

1. Where did you see God at work in your life this week? Consider the following questions as you think about God working in your spiritual, home, work and social life.

How were you blessed this week?

Did God prompt you to bless someone this week? How did they respond?

How has God answered prayer?

Did you seek God’s will and obey?

Did God speak to you through Scripture, a person, or in some other way? What happened?

How did God work in and through you to share your faith this week through words and/or actions?

2. What action might you take this week to draw closer to God and see Him at work in your life?

PRAY – A Song of Praise

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Amen. BCP, p. 90