NO OTHER GODS

— 30 Days of Worship —

— "I will be all that I am to you" —

READ

Psalm 115

¹ Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

² Why should the nations say,

"Where is their God?"

³ Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

⁴ Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak;

eyes, but do not see.

They have ears, but do not hear;

noses, but do not smell.

⁷ They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.

⁸ Those who make them become like them:

so do all who trust in them.

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⁹ O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. ¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the
Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

12 The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; ¹³ he will bless those who fear the Lord,

both the small and the great.

May the Lord give you increase,
you and your children!

¹⁵ May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth! ¹⁶ The heavens are the Lord's heavens.

but the earth he has given to the children of man.

¹⁷ The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence.

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¹⁸ But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

REFLECT

What are some specific reasons for giving glory to God in the first three verses of this psalm? What is the significance of the nations looking to see our God? And why is his being in the heavens important? What is suggested by the phrase "he does all that he pleases"?

What are the attributes of the idols that we are so often tempted to chase after?
Were there areas of your life where you were beginning to become lifeless, or not seeing, or not speaking up? Any places where you were not hearing or not

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enjoying life to the full? Have you noticed any lifeless parts of your heart, soul or mind that are now beginning to come back to life as you worship the One True God?

Not one of the idols that we sometimes worship can offer us what we truly need. They pretend to satisfy us, but they can only do so in bits and pieces. What they offer is fake and fleeting. How do your past experiences of bowing to idols compare to your recent experiences of taking the needs of your heart to Yahweh?

RESPOND

How has God been your help and shield, personally, especially in this past month? How has he blessed you? In what ways have you seen God offer to you all that he is?

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When Yahweh meets our needs, he does it in a complete and integrated way, that *truly* satisfies us to the very depths of our being. When he meets our needs, it lasts. Maybe you have been experiencing this more and more in the past month.

Idols can't do that. Idols pretend to give you what you need, as they steal more and more of your heart, which leaves you more void of life than you were before.

Tell God all the ways in which you have noticed his full and complete provision as you have been learning to take all your needs to him.

This is our final day of our 30 Days of Worship, so today, let's challenge ourselves to worship God using every part of ourselves today.

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Use your body as you inhale and exhale during the day, whisper the name "Yah (inhale) -weh (exhale) ". As you breathe his name, focus your mind and heart on who he is. He is the self-existing, covenant-keeping God.

See how many different ways you can discover today to worship the

Lord!

Proverbs 18:10 says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe."

As you worship the Lord throughout the day, may you experience him as your safe place, your strong tower. And may your life of worship be such that those around you see God's glory, and trust in the name of the Lord as well.