NO OTHER GODS

— 30 Days of Worship —

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READ

Psalm 68:1-6, 33-35

¹ Rise up, O God, and scatter your enemies.

Let those who hate God run for their lives.

² Blow them away like smoke. Melt them like wax in a fire. Let the wicked perish in the presence of God.

³ But let the godly rejoice.

Let them be glad in God's presence. Let them be filled with joy.

⁴ Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.

His name is the Lord rejoice in his presence!

⁵ Father to the fatherless, defender

of widows-

this is God, whose dwelling is holy. ⁶ God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.

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33 Sing to the one who rides across the ancient heavens. his mighty voice thundering from the sky. 34 Tell everyone about God's power. His majesty shines down on Israel;

his strength is mighty in the heavens. 35 God is awesome in his sanctuary. The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise he to God!

REFLECT

Family gods touch deep places in your soul. Who you are. What you do. Which verses in this Psalm address your spiritual identity?

Rejecting these gods can leave you feeling abandoned and directionless, if you haven't replaced them with the One True God of your Heavenly Family. Have you felt abandoned or

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directionless throughout this past month? What thoughts have raced through your head lately about your role and your place?

Read verse 5 and 6 a few times in a row. Slowly. How does this truth about your Heavenly Father impact you today?

RESPOND

In verses 4 and 33, the Psalmist commands us to sing. Take some time to sing praises to God right now before you move on with your day.

The following hymn is a great option. It speaks of God's leadership and direction when we feel lost or weary from the battle.

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Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong; And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace. For not with swords' loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums:

With deeds of love and mercy The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning. Where'er Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, We journey in its light; The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

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