

## Psalms of Praise Answer Key

Psalm	What expression of honor or praise is used throughout the psalm?	Why does the psalmist give thanks? For what is the psalmist grateful?	What does the psalmist tell you about God and his relationship to God?	Does giving God gratitude and praise benefit God or the one giving gratitude? Explain.
<b>Psalm 95</b>	"For the LORD is the great God, / the great king over all gods" (verse 3).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The psalmist gives thanks because the Lord is God.</li><li>• He is grateful to be a member of the people God shepherds, the people God made with his own hands.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The psalmist tells us that God is great, that God formed the sea and dry land and the people, and that God holds the Earth in his hands.</li><li>• He tells us that his relationship with God is joyful; he praises and worships God gladly.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because God is pleased when we rightly honor him.</li></ul>
<b>Psalm 97</b>	"The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice / let the many islands be glad" (verse 1).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The psalmist gives thanks because the Lord is his king.</li><li>• He is grateful for the judgment and justice of God.</li><li>• He is grateful for the Lord because the Lord protects our souls and rescues us from harm.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The psalmist tells us that God is just and good, that God is Most High over all the Earth and is worshipped over all other gods.</li><li>• He tells us that his relationship with God is rooted in God's protection and God's justice to all; he praises God and encourages others to do the same.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will be rewarded with God's protection and justice.</li><li>• God is all-powerful, and it is right that we praise him.</li></ul>
<b>Psalm 103</b>	"Bless the LORD, my soul" (verse 1).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The psalmist gives thanks because God is merciful and gracious.</li><li>• He is grateful for God's compassion and for God's love for his people.</li><li>• He is also grateful for God's salvation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The psalmist tells us that God is merciful, gracious, and compassionate.</li><li>• God's mercy and compassion tower over those who fear him.</li><li>• God has been with us since the beginning, when we were formed from dust, and will always be with us in the future.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will receive God's mercy.</li><li>• God has always brought justice to the oppressed, so we praise him.</li></ul>
<b>Psalm 104</b>	"Bless the LORD, my soul! / LORD, my God, you are great indeed!" (verse 1).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The psalmist gives thanks because God is great.</li><li>• He is grateful for God's creation of the Earth, of all that God has given to us in nature.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The psalmist tells us that God is the Creator, and that he has made the Earth bountiful and varied.</li><li>• God is wise in all his creations. The psalmist's relationship to God is joyful; he praises God for all his works.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they can truly appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's creations.</li><li>• God's creation of Earth proves his majesty, so we praise him.</li></ul>



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<b>Psalm 111</b>	"I will praise the LORD with all my heart" (verse 1).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The psalmist gives thanks because God has made great works and done wondrous deeds.</li> <li>He is grateful for God's graciousness and for his mercy. He is grateful for God's covenant with us.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The psalmist tells us that God is great.</li> <li>God shares his greatness with his people through his works and his deeds.</li> <li>The psalmist's relationship with God is one of unending praise and love.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they can appreciate the greatness of God's work and receive his grace and mercy.</li> </ul>
<b>Psalm 112</b>	"Blessed the man who fears the LORD" (verse 1).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The psalmist gives thanks for God and for God's teachings.</li> <li>He is grateful for the gifts we receive when we live life in close harmony with God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The psalmist tells us that God gives the best example of how to live our lives; he is the leader we must follow on the path to love and happiness.</li> <li>The psalmist's relationship with God is one of praise and awe.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will understand how to live a good life in accordance with God's will.</li> <li>Praise in God leads us to steadfastness, tranquility, and righteousness.</li> </ul>
<b>Psalm 115</b>	"Those who fear the LORD trust in the LORD, / who is their help and shield" (verse 11).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The psalmist gives thanks for God's blessings.</li> <li>He is grateful for God's aid and support for his people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The psalmist tells us that God is powerful. God uses his power to show his love for us, protecting us and helping us when we are in need.</li> <li>The psalmist's relationship with God is based on trust and worship.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will receive God's help and protection. God blesses us, and we praise him in return.</li> </ul>
<b>Psalm 116</b>	"I love the LORD, who listened / to my voice" (verse 1).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The psalmist gives thanks for God's grace and his constant aid.</li> <li>He is grateful for God's mercy, protection, and comfort when he was suffering.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The psalmist tells us that God is caring and merciful.</li> <li>God protects the simple and brings them comfort in times of suffering.</li> <li>The psalmist's relationship with God has brought him peace and freed him from death.</li> <li>The psalmist feels he must contribute to his relationship with God by thanking him and praising him.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will feel God's comfort in times of suffering.</li> <li>When God helps us, we must praise and honor him for his work.</li> </ul>



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<b>Psalm 138</b>	"On the day I cried out, you answered; / you strengthened my spirit" (verse 3).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The psalmist gives thanks for God's protection and for his mercy.</li> <li>• He is grateful for the enduring mercy of the Lord, and for all the great works that the Lord has done.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The psalmist tells us that God is great and caring.</li> <li>• God lives on high but is present in our lives through his care for the lowly.</li> <li>• The psalmist's relationship with God is fulfilling.</li> <li>• God guards the psalmist from harm, reaching out to comfort him.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will feel God reach out to help.</li> <li>• We praise God because he is present in our lives and because he shows his care for us.</li> </ul>
<b>Psalm 145</b>	"I will praise your name forever and ever" (verse 2).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The psalmist gives thanks for God's many blessings.</li> <li>• He is grateful for God's enduring love, his justice, and his abounding goodness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The psalmist tells us that God is enduring and powerful.</li> <li>• God supports us and cares for us through his righteous works.</li> <li>• He gives us hope because he remains near to us in times of gladness and in times of suffering.</li> <li>• The psalmist's relationship with God is reverent and full of praise for God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will feel a closeness to God.</li> <li>• By developing a close relationship with God, we can better understand God and feel his deep love for us. He cares for us and we praise him in return.</li> </ul>

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