Psalms of Praise Answer Key

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| 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. |
| Psalm 95 | “For the Lord is the great God, / the great king over all gods” (verse 3). | * The psalmist gives thanks because the Lord is God. * He is grateful to be a member of the people God shepherds, the people God made with his own hands. | * 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. * He tells us that his relationship with God is joyful; he praises and worships God gladly. | * Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because God is pleased when we rightly honor him. |
| Psalm 97 | “The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice / let the many islands be glad” (verse 1). | * The psalmist gives thanks because the Lord is his king. * He is grateful for the judgment and justice of God. * He is grateful for the Lord because the Lord protects our souls and rescues us from harm. | * 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. * 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. | * Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will be rewarded with God’s protection and justice. * God is all-powerful, and it is right that we praise him. |
| Psalm 103 | “Bless the Lord, my soul” (verse 1). | * The psalmist gives thanks because God is merciful and gracious. * He is grateful for God’s compassion and for God’s love for his people. * He is also grateful for God’s salvation. | * The psalmist tells us that God is merciful, gracious, and compassionate. * God’s mercy and compassion tower over those who fear him. * God has been with us since the beginning, when we were formed from dust, and will always be with us in the future. | * Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will receive God’s mercy. * God has always brought justice to the oppressed, so we praise him. |
| Psalm 104 | “Bless the Lord, my soul! / Lord, my God, you are great indeed!” (verse 1). | * The psalmist gives thanks because God is great. * He is grateful for God’s creation of the Earth, of all that God has given to us in nature. | * The psalmist tells us that God is the Creator, and that he has made the Earth bountiful and varied. * God is wise in all his creations. The psalmist’s relationship to God is joyful; he praises God for all his works. | * 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. * God’s creation of Earth proves his majesty, so we praise him. |
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| Psalm 111 | “I will praise the Lord with all my heart” (verse 1). | * The psalmist gives thanks because God has made great works and done wondrous deeds. * He is grateful for God’s graciousness and for his mercy.  He is grateful for God’s covenant with us. | * The psalmist tells us that God is great. * God shares his greatness with his people through his works and his deeds. * The psalmist’s relationship with God is one of unending praise and love. | * 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. |
| Psalm 112 | “Blessed the man who fears the Lord” (verse 1). | * The psalmist gives thanks for God and for God’s teachings. * He is grateful for the gifts we receive when we live life in close harmony with God. | * 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. * The psalmist’s relationship with God is one of praise and awe. | * 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. * Praise in God leads us to steadfast-ness, tranquility, and righteousness. |
| Psalm 115 | “Those who fear the Lord trust in the Lord, / who is their help and shield” (verse 11). | * The psalmist gives thanks for God’s blessings. * He is grateful for God’s aid and support for his people. | * 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. * The psalmist’s relationship with God is based on trust and worship. | * 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. |
| Psalm 116 | “I love the Lord, who listened / to my voice” (verse 1). | * The psalmist gives thanks for God’s grace and his constant aid. * He is grateful for God’s mercy, protection, and comfort when he was suffering. | * The psalmist tells us that God is caring and merciful. * God protects the simple and brings them comfort in times of suffering. * The psalmist’s relationship with God has brought him peace and freed him from death. * The psalmist feels he must contribute to his relationship with God by thanking him and praising him. | * Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will feel God’s comfort in times of suffering. * When God helps us, we must praise and honor him for his work. |

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| Psalm 138 | “On the day I cried out, you answered; / you strengthened my spirit” (verse 3). | * The psalmist gives thanks for God’s protection and for his mercy. * He is grateful for the enduring mercy of the Lord, and for all the great works that the Lord has done. | * The psalmist tells us that God is great and caring. * God lives on high but is present in our lives through his care for the lowly. * The psalmist’s relationship with God is fulfilling. * God guards the psalmist from harm, reaching out to comfort him. | * Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will feel God reach out to help. * We praise God because he is present in our lives and because he shows his care for us. |
| Psalm 145 | “I will praise your name forever and ever” (verse 2). | * The psalmist gives thanks for God’s many blessings. * He is grateful for God’s enduring love, his justice, and his abounding goodness. | * The psalmist tells us that God is enduring and powerful. * God supports us and cares for us through his righteous works. * He gives us hope because he remains near to us in times of gladness and in times of suffering. * The psalmist’s relationship with God is reverent and full of praise for God. | * Giving honor and glory to God benefits the one who gives thanks because they will feel a closeness to God. * 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. |

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