## **PRAYING PSALM 115**

"The Gentiles say, 'so where is there God" (Psalm 115:2)?

There are three sections to this psalm: 1. A CONTRAST BETWEEN GOD AND GODS (1-8). God deserves glory. The heathen ask a question, "Where is there God?" The psalm gives an answer: Our God is in Heaven; He does whatever He pleases. Their gods are the work of men's hands. A description of the heathen gods is given in verses 2-8: They can't speak, see, hear, smell, touch, or walk. Those who make them become like the gods they make. 2. A CALL TO TRUST GOD (9-15). Three times it is mentioned that God is a help and shield. We are told he will bless us five times. 3. A COMMITMENT TO PRAISE GOD (16-18). God gave the earth to man that we might praise Him. We can't praise Him when we die. We will praise the Lord while we live.

Our God is sovereign. He does whatever He pleases. What He pleases is as good and perfect as He is (James 1:17). You are in the process of becoming like what you worship? "They become like their gods." God gave the earth to humans so we might worship Him, not the earth or things of the earth. Since you can't worship God in the grave, now is the time. What is your priority in worship? Your spiritual growth will be determined by your answer to that question. Only you can determine how you worship God. Worship is an act of the will. When you worship God, you make His will your will. When you worship God, He is a shield of protection to you. When you worship God, He blesses you like you would not be blessed otherwise. Worship shows God His worth. How much is He worth to you?