

PRAYING PSALM 117

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles...” (Psalm 117:1).

This is the shortest chapter in the Bible. 1. A CALL TO WORSHIP (1). Laud Him all you peoples. 2. THE CAUSES OF PRAISE (2). His merciful kindness is great toward us.

If anyone should be thankful for Christ it is non-Jews. If you are not a Jew, you are a gentile. The church is not seen in the Old Testament. It is a New Testament mystery (a truth not revealed until the NT prophets). The church is made up of Jews and gentiles. There is no distinction between them in the Body of Christ. Jesus broke down the middle wall that kept Gentiles out (Ephesians 2:14). Gentiles are reconciled to God by faith, the same way as Jewish believers. Non-Jews were far away from God. Now we have access to the Father by the Holy Spirit. Non-Jews are no longer strangers and foreigners to God. We are God's people because of the Cross. Gentiles may receive the righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Gentiles are saved by calling on the name of the Lord. Therefore, praise Him! Thank Him for His mercy and kindness. Praise the Lord, all you gentiles. This psalm is for you.