



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

GIVING UP CONTROL

PSALM 115

Josiah Smith - Compass Bible Church - August 13 & 14, 2022

1. Resist _____ (vv. 1-3) *Psalm 115 (ESV)*
1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name
give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and
your faithfulness!
2 Why should the nations say,
"Where is their God?"
3 Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.
4 Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
5 They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.
6 They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.
7 They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
8 Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.
9 O Israel, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
12 The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;
13 he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.
14 May the LORD give you increase,
you and your children!
15 May you be blessed by the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!
16 The heavens are the LORD's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
17 The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth
and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!
2. Recognize _____ (vv. 4-8)
3. Relinquish _____ (vv. 9-18)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Psalm 115:1-3.** What situations or circumstances push you to functionally try to “take control” of your life?
2. How should the sovereignty of God shape the way that we handle circumstances that are ultimately out of our control?
3. What does trying to “take control” of our lives and circumstances reveal about our view of God?
4. **Read Psalm 115:4-8.** What “idols” are we tempted to fashion when we feel like our life is “out of control?”
5. **Read Psalm 115:9-18.** What is the connection between praise and trust? How does trusting in God help us “relinquish control” to God?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!”

Pray for increased trust and dependence on God, regardless of the circumstances you are facing.

Pray that God would use Family Weekend to equip the parents of CBCTV to shepherd their families.

Pray that God will use the upcoming Basics of Biblical Counseling class to train our congregation well.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
8/15	Ecclesiastes 7-9	2 Corinthians 7
8/16	Ecclesiastes 10-12	2 Corinthians 8
8/17	1 Kings 10, 2 Chronicles 9	2 Corinthians 9
8/18	1 Kings 11	2 Corinthians 10
8/19	Proverbs 30-31	2 Corinthians 11
8/20	1 Kings 12	2 Corinthians 12