

**WILL YOU GIVE THE LORD THE GLORY FOREVER  
OR WILL YOU BE ETERNALLY SILENCED?  
PSALM 115**

- I. **THE CALL FOR THE LORD TO BE GLORIFIED RATHER THAN US:** The nations were mocking because of God's seeming inactivity, so **the Psalmist calls upon THE LORD (and not us) to be glorified, because of His lovingkindness and truth (1-2)**
- A. Do not take any of God's glory because He alone deserves it (1)
  - B. Glorify His name because of His lovingkindness and truth (1b)
  - C. Be careful not to do anything that would cause others not to give Him the glory (2)
- II. **THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TRUE GOD AND ALL IDOLS (3-8)**
- A. **Our God is in heaven and does whatever He pleases (3)**
  - B. In contrast, **their man-made idols are dead and thus can do nothing (4-7)**
  - C. Thus, those who make them and **all those who trust in them will become like them**; dead and silent (8)
- III. **THE COMMAND FOR THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD (believers) TO THUS, TRUST IN THE LORD, who is our help and shield (9-11)**
- IV. **THE RESULT FOR THOSE WHO TRUST THE LORD: Future blessing from God and present and eternal praise and glory to the Lord (12-18)**
- A. **Future blessing** from God who made all and has been mindful of us (12-16)
  - B. **The dead (those silenced in eternal punishment) do not praise the Lord, but we will bless and praise to the Lord** from now and until eternity! (17-18)