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To all members of the St James Traditional Services

A Weekly Word of Encouragement: To God be the Glory

Psalm 115 – Read it reflectively. Immediately, the focus is not on us but on God: “Non nobis, domine” – not to us but to God alone belongs all glory, praise, and honour.

“Where is their God?” (v.2) – which God? The real God or an alternate god? Anything more important to you than the true God is an idol. Idols can be seen but they have no power (v.5-7) to give you what you need - love, forgiveness, security, guidance.

All that is personal and relational only the living God provides. False gods keep you spiritually blind (like themselves – v.8) – unable to see, unable to walk, unable to change.

The True God is invisible, but not inactive. “Where is our God?” – He is in heaven and His almighty power puts into effect what His sovereign will has determined (v.2-3).

God will bless: all His people, small and great (v.9-13). “To bless” = to bring richness, abundance, satisfaction in life. Only God can bless in this way, so trust in Him (v.9-11).

Is it reasonable to trust God?

Yes! Because of our experience of Him – “The Lord remembers us” (v.12) and because He is our sovereign Creator (v.15). It is God’s delight to bless, His promise to bless, His nature to bless those who are His. Nothing in life can give you the deep blessing you long for – only the Lord can do it.

Prayer

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen.

Remember

- keep praying
- keep reading God's Word
- keep in touch with one another. St James is open for Communion every Wednesday at 10am, and I am only a phone call away if you would like me to visit at home: 0438 455 493.

With Christian love,

Robert