

**Psalm 115**

v1 – glory	(noun)	honour; greatness; beauty; magnificence
v1 – faithfulness	(noun)	the quality of being reliable and trustworthy
v4 – idols	(noun)	false gods; statues or images that are worshipped as a god
v7 – utter	(verb)	make a sound with your mouth
v9 – ‘house of Israel’		the nation of Israel; the people of Israel
v9 – shield	(noun)	a large piece of metal or leather that is carried for soldiers to protect themselves



v12 – bless	(verb)	show favour to someone
v13 – alike	(adverb)	in a similar way
v17 – praise	(verb)	speak to express respect, honour and thanks to God
v18 – extol	(verb)	praise enthusiastically

**Psalm 115 (New International Reader’s Version)**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, may glory be given to you, not to us.

You are loving and faithful.

<sup>2</sup> Why do the nations ask,  
“Where is their God?”

<sup>3</sup> Our God is in heaven.

He does anything he wants to do.

<sup>4</sup> But the statues of their gods are made out of silver and gold.

They are made by human hands.

<sup>5</sup> They have mouths but can’t speak.

They have eyes but can’t see.

<sup>6</sup> They have ears but can’t hear.

They have noses but can’t smell.

<sup>7</sup> They have hands but can’t feel.

They have feet but can’t walk.

They have throats but can’t say anything.

<sup>8</sup> Those who make statues of gods will be like them.

So will all those who trust in them.

<sup>9</sup> All you Israelites, trust in the LORD.

He helps you like a shield that keeps you safe.

<sup>10</sup> Priests of Aaron, trust in the LORD.

He helps you like a shield that keeps you safe.

<sup>11</sup> You who have respect for the LORD, trust in him.

He helps you like a shield that keeps you safe.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD remembers us and will bless us.

He will bless Israel, his people.

He will bless the priests of Aaron.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD will bless those who have respect for him.

He will bless important and unimportant people alike.

<sup>14</sup> May the LORD give you many children.

May he give them to you and to your children after you.

<sup>15</sup> May the LORD bless you.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>16</sup> The highest heavens belong to the LORD.

But he has given the earth to human beings.

<sup>17</sup> Dead people don’t praise the LORD.

Those who lie quietly in the grave don’t praise him.

<sup>18</sup> But we who are alive praise the LORD,

both now and forever.

Praise the LORD.

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