

Hallel: Psalm 113

The Men Say:

Praise, O Servants of Israel
Blessed be the name of the Lord
From the Rising of the Sun to it's
going down
The Lord is High Above All
Nations
Who is like the Lord our God
Who humbles himself to behold
He raises the poor out of the
Dust
That He may seat with him
Princes
He grants the barren woman a
home

The Women Respond:

*Praise the name of the Lord
From this time forth and for
evermore!
The Lord's name is to be praised!
And His glory above the heavens
Who Dwells on high,
The things that are in the
heavens and in the earth?
And lifts the needy out of the ash
heap.
The princes of his people.
Like a joyful mother of children.*

The Father says:

God's humility! The Lord came down from his high place and took earthly form to raise us to heavenly places!

All say:

Hallelujah!

Following the reading of the Plagues, the Father Says:

The last plague was one of tremendous suffering for the Egyptians. But through the suffering, God redeemed the Hebrew people. Let us remind ourselves that later on, God once again used suffering for the purpose of redemption.

The Continuation of the Story

The Daughters continue the reading of the story:

Exodus 12: 1-14 God Instructs the Israelites About the Passover

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb ^[a] for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD -a lasting ordinance.