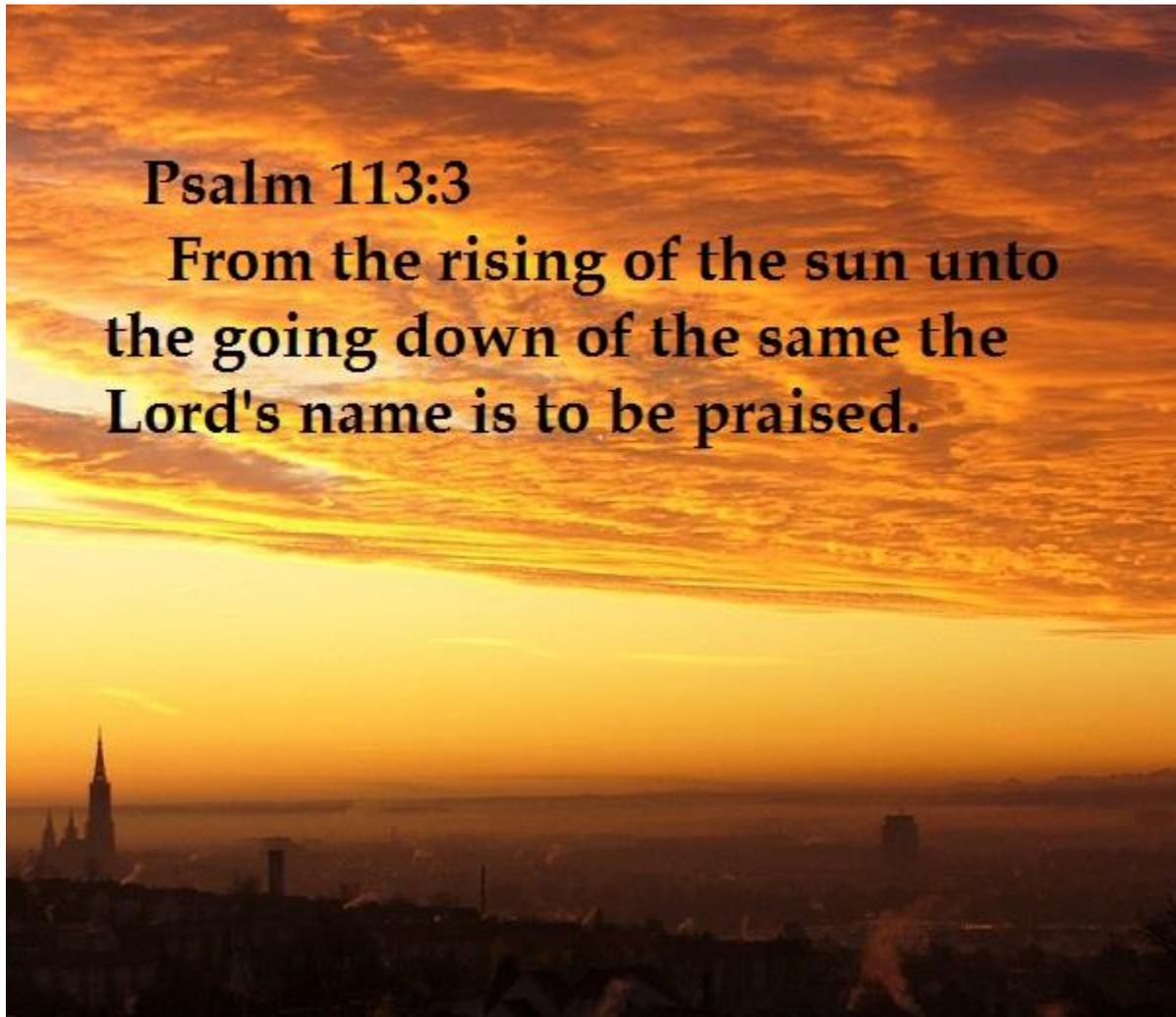


*Embracing The
Sunrise*

Psalm 113:3

*From the rising of the sun unto the going down
of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.*

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In God's eyes, a person's value has no relationship to his or her wealth or position on the social ladder. Many people who have excelled in God's work began in poverty or humble beginnings. God supersedes the social orders of this world, often choosing his future leaders and ambassadors from among social outcasts. Do you treat the unwanted in society as though they have value? Demonstrate by your actions that all people are valuable and useful in God's eyes.



As we read these promises, we long for their fulfillment. But we must patiently wait for God's timing. He is in control of history, and he weaves together all our lives into his plan.



Proverbs 4:18

*But the path of the just is as the shining
light, that shineth more and more unto the
perfect day.*

Our heart—our feelings of love and desire—dictates to a great extent how we live because we always find time to do what we enjoy. Solomon tells us to guard our hearts above all else, making sure we concentrate on those desires that will keep us on the right path. Make sure your affections lead you in the right direction. Put boundaries on your desires: Don't go after everything you see. Look straight ahead, keep your eyes fixed on your goal, and don't get sidetracked on detours that lead to sin.



Psalm 5:3

*My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O
Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto
thee, and will look up.*

The secret of a close relationship with God is to pray to him earnestly *each morning*. In the morning, our minds are made free from problems, and then we can commit the whole day to God. Regular communication helps any friendship and is certainly necessary for a strong relationship with God. We need to communicate with him daily. Do you have a regular time to pray and read God's Word?

Lament. 3:22-23

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. [23] They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.



Jeremiah saw one ray of hope in all the sin and sorrow surrounding him: "The faithful love of the LORD never ends.... Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning." God willingly responds with help when we ask. God's steadfast love and mercy are greater than any sin, and he promises forgiveness.

A sunset over a body of water with reeds in the foreground. The sky is filled with orange and red clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of reeds and grasses.

Exodus 23:25

*And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless
thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away
from the midst of thee.*

Our lives should demonstrate that obeying God takes precedence over conforming to our neighbors' way of life. God's Word, not society, dictates how we should live.



Isaiah 59:19

So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

Whether we sin once or many times, out of rebellion or out of ignorance, our sin separates us from God and will continue to separate us until God forgives us and removes it.

Psalm 19:1

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament
sheweth his handywork.*



As God reveals himself through nature (19:1-6), we learn about his power and our finiteness. As God reveals himself through Scripture (19:7-11), we learn about his holiness and our sinfulness. As God reveals himself through daily experiences (19:12-14), we learn about his gracious forgiveness that frees us from guilt.

An invitation is given to open your heart's door to Jesus

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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