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Psalms 117:1 – 2

“Praise the LORD, all you nations. Praise Him, all you people of the earth. For He loves us with unfailing love; the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the LORD!”
Psalm 117:1 – 2 NLT

Small children are hungry all the time as their growing bodies need a constant supply of nutritious food. Children are not only hungry for physical sustenance but for knowledge. At times they may ask the question “why?” over and over to the point that their curiosity, still unquenched, has come unfortunately to the end of mom or dad’s limited patience!

In two verses – succinct and crisp – the Psalmist answers the question of why we should praise the Lord. His answer is not limited only to Christian or religious folks. His is a call to all people, of every culture, tribe, and tongue! We praise the Lord because His love is unfailing – men will most surely fail but He cannot nor will He fail, for “love never fails.” (1 Corinthians 13:8). The Psalmist’s second and final reason for us to enter into this joyful sound of praise is because the Lord is faithful. Men, institutions and governments will fail, but the Lord remains faithful – always – for all times! “Faithful is He that calls you, who also will do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

Should these motivations still leave us unmoved, John the Revelator charges our spiritual wonder with those truths to stir our hearts to praise. “You are worthy... for you were killed, and Your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.” (Revelation 5:9 NLT).

Loose your tongue and raise your voice for you have been ransomed – redeemed and rescued by Jesus’ demonstration at Calvary of God’s unfailing love and faithfulness!

Alleluia!

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