**R. 929 (89) Rumination for Nov. 13, 2022**

The **T**heme: **God’s Habitation of Praise** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.* Psa. 22:3

The **T**hots:

1. **God’s Dwellings in the Past –**
2. In the **T**abernacle to **R**eside among His **P**eople.
	1. His **P**urpose: *And* *let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.* Exo. 25:8
	2. His **P**resence: *And I will sanctify the tabernacle…And I will dwell among the children of Israel.* Exo. 29:44
	3. His **P**eople: *And will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God…* 29: 45, 46

 *that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.*

1. In the **T**emple to **R**eceive His people’s **P**raise. Ezra 3:10

 *When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests*

 *… and the Levites … to praise the LORD*

1. In the Body of Christ to **R**edeem us and to **R**econcile us unto Himself.
2. *For* *in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.* Col. 2:9
3. *A* *body has Thou prepared Me…* *Then said I, Lo, I come…to do Thy will, O God.* Heb. 10:5-7
4. *The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory,* Jn. 1:14

 *the glory as of the only begotten of the Father)*

1. *Behold*, *a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son,* Matt. 1:23

 *and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us*.

1. *God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself*… II Cor. 5:19
2. **God’s Dwellings in the Present:**
3. God’s Habitation in His **P**eople.
	1. God indwells the **B**ody of every **B**eliever – the **C**hristian.

 *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?* I Cor. 3:16

* 1. God indwells the **B**ody of **B**elievers – the **C**hurch. Eph. 2:22

 *In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit*.

1. God’s Habitation is His People’s **P**raise: - *O Thou that* ***inhabitest*** *the praises of Israel.* Psa. 22:3 God’s **P**eople are for His **P**raise – they are **E**xpected to praise God all the time.

 *But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.* Psa. 22:3, KJV

1. God’s **P**eople Lift Him up in **P**raise – they seek to **E**nthrone Him with praise.

*Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.* Psa. 22:3, NRSV

1. The **G**rounds for Praise:
	* It is the **G**round for **J**ustification – the Just had suffered for the Unjust.
		+ *My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?* Psa. 22:1 cf. Mt. 27:46
		+ *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust,* I Pet. 3:18

*that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

* + **G**od is now **J**ustified in **J**ustifying the unjust – His Holiness has seen to it.

*But* ***T****hou art holy.* Psa. 22:3a

 *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.* Rom. 8:33, 34

 *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,*

 *Who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

1. The **G**od Who is worthy of Praise – His **H**abitation is the praises of **H**is people. Psa. 22:3b
	* *Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple:*

*and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.* Rev. 7:15

* + *The LORD is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God,*

*and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father’s God, and I will exalt Him*.Exo. 15:2

* + *The LORD is my strength and my might, and He has become my salvation;*

*this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt Him*. Exo. 15:2, NRSV

1. **L**et us **P**raise and **R**evere our God this day as we **R**emember our Lord.

*When on the cross my Lord I saw, Nailed there by sins of mine;
Fast fell the burning tears; but now, I’m singing all the time.*

*I’ll praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him all the time!*

*Praise Him! Praise Him! I’ll praise Him all the time!*

Edward P. Hammond

**Reflections for the Week R. 929**

**1**. Knowing that you are the Temple of God and that *the Spirit of God dwelleth in you*

 (I Cor. 3:16) and that *your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you* (6:18),

and that God *inhabitest your praise*, would you still be able to enthrone Him with praise in your heart…

a) when your body is beset by the infirmities of the flesh?

b) when your body is inflicted with pain?

c) and when your body is infected with sickness?

 Will you still be able to sing: *I’ll praise Him all the time?*

*At all times praise the Lord;*

*His promises are sure;*

*What if thou doubt? His steadfast Word*

*Unchanging shall endure.*

***Praise Him when skies are bright****,*

*And gladness fills thy days;*

*Heav’n shames thee with its glorious light,*

*And calls thee to His praise.*

***Praise Him when clouds are dark;***

*True faith waits not to prove;*

*Tho’ hope no bright’ning gleam may mark,*

*His meaning still is love.*

***Praise Him when drear and lone***

*The shadows ’round thee fall,*

*No eye upon Thy sins but One—*

*Fear not, He pardons all.*

***Praise Him when home is sweet,***

*As tho’ we ne’er should part;*

*But pray—while kindred spirits meet—*

*Pray for a thoughtful heart.*

***Praise Him when far away***

*On mountain or on sea;*

*Each place is home to them who pray;*

*The Father guardeth thee.*

***Praise Him when joyful songs***

*The saints on earth unite,*

*In sacred chorus, with the throngs*

*Of angels in the height.*

***At all times praise the Lord;***

*His promises are sure;*

*Fear not, doubt not; His steadfast Word*

*Unchanging shall endure.*

John S. Howson

**2**. Knowing that you are the Temple of God and that *the Spirit of God dwelleth in you*

 (I Cor. 3:16) and that *your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you* (6:18),

 how would you consider…

a) where you go,

b) what you see,

c) what you do this week?

 *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit,*

 *which are God's.* I Cor. 6:20

**P**oints **T**o **P**onder: *What You Are* ***S****peaks Louder than What You* ***S****ay.*