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Ps. 113:1, "Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you His servants; praise the name of the LORD. Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised." (NIV)

This Psalm comes from the treasury of David and is also used during the observance of the Passover. This is a reminder to the people of Israel, to continually praise the LORD because of His deliverance. This should be all day, every day, for eternity. In fact, there really shouldn't be any time in our lives that we forget to be praising the LORD. The phrase "both now and forevermore" is an encouragement for us to be continually praising Him.

When you are facing trials, praise Him. When you are hurting, praise Him. When you've been trampled by the world's forces, praise Him. When you want to give up and give in, praise Him. David had also written about this very thought in **Ps. 34:1-4**, *"I will extol the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together. I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears." (NIV)*

In essence, David is saying that there is never a time that we should not be praising the LORD. Remember, if we don't praise Him, the rocks and the hills will.

Dear LORD, Praise You! Praise You all day long! You are Mighty God and You deserve our praise! Help us to not be so focused on ourselves but on You. In Jesus Name, Amen.