

# Psalms 113:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

## Analysis

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"Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore." The benediction *yehi shem YHWH mevorakh* (may the name of the LORD be blessed) calls for perpetual praise. *Barak* (bless) when applied to God means to praise, adore, speak well of. *Shem* (name) represents God's revealed character and reputation. The temporal scope: *me'atah ve'ad olam* (from now and until eternity). *Atah* (now) indicates present moment; *ad olam* (until eternity) extends endlessly forward. This commitment to eternal praise anticipates the eschatological reality: "And they shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5), with continuous worship (Revelation 7:15). Earthly worship prepares for heavenly worship—practicing now what we'll do forever.

## Historical Context

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Psalms 113-118 form the Egyptian Hallel, recited at major festivals (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles, Dedication/Hanukkah). Jesus likely sang these Psalms at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:30, Mark 14:26). Psalm 113 opens the Hallel with call to praise, while Psalm 118 closes with thanksgiving. Jewish tradition divided the Hallel, singing Psalms 113-114 before the Passover meal, 115-118 after. This liturgical use embedded praise into Israel's worship rhythm, connecting generations through shared hymnody. Early Christian worship similarly used Psalms extensively (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, James 5:13).

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to bless God's "name" (character/reputation) rather than merely generic praise?
2. How can believers cultivate a mindset of perpetual praise ("from now...for evermore")?
3. In what ways does earthly worship prepare you for eternal worship?

## Interlinear Text

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יְהוָה	שֵׁם	יְהוָה	מְבֹרָךְ	מִעַתָּה	וְעַד	עוֹלָם:
H1961	be the name	of the LORD	Blessed	from this time forth	and for	evermore
	H8034	H3068	H1288	H6258	H5704	H5769

## Additional Cross-References

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**Daniel 2:20** (Blessing): Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

**Psalms 41:13** (Blessing): Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

**1 Chronicles 16:36** (Blessing): Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.