PSALM

115

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PICTURE WORD
Idols

IN ONE SENTENCE

ive glory to the LORD alone, because idols are lifeless, those who trust them become like them, but God helps and blesses.

Remember it: One-fifteen: idols have eyes that can't see; our God sees and helps.

MEMORY VERSE

You who fear Yahweh, trust in Yahweh! He is their help and their shield.

Psalm 115:11 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

עֲצַבֵּיהֶם

"their idols" · verse 4

In the Psalms: four times, in 3 psalms

עָצָב means "idol" and comes from a root meaning to shape or fashion. It is a made thing, carved and plated by human hands. The psalm describes idols' mouths, eyes, ears, noses, hands, and feet that all do nothing, and warns that those who trust them become just as lifeless.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–3	Not to us but to your name, LORD, give glory
4–8	Idols have mouths and eyes but cannot speak or see
9–15	Trust the LORD, our help and shield, who blesses
16–18	The living will bless the LORD forever

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 115 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/115**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

Give _____ to the LORD alone, because idols are _____, those who trust them become like them, but God helps and _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What are the idols of the nations made from?

- (A) Wood and stone
- (B) Clay and straw
- (C) Iron and bronze
- (D) Silver and gold

2. What will happen to those who make idols?

- (A) They will grow rich
- (B) They will become like them
- (C) They will see visions
- (D) They will rule nations

3. What does the psalm call the LORD three times?

- (A) Their help and their shield
- (B) Their king and priest
- (C) Their rock and tower
- (D) Their light and song

TALK IT OVER

1. What is the difference between the living God and the idols, according to verses 3-7?

2. Verse 1 refuses glory for ourselves. Why does God alone deserve the glory?

3. What modern idols promise much but cannot see, hear, or help? How do we become like them?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 115 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I can say verse 11 by heart
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: glory · lifeless · blesses · Check yourself: 1. D (v. 4) · 2. B (v. 8) · 3. A (vv. 9-11)