PSALM

117

CXVII

Unison Declarative Praise

Writer not named · Book V · The Egyptian Hallel

PICTURE WORD
Nations

IN ONE SENTENCE

Praise the LORD, all nations and peoples, because his kindness toward us is great and his truth lasts forever.

Remember it: One-seventeen: the shortest psalm calls every nation to praise.

MEMORY VERSE

For his loving kindness is great toward us.
Yahweh's faithfulness endures forever.
Praise Yah!

Psalm 117:2 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

וְאֱמֶת

"truth" · verse 2

In the Psalms: 37 times, in 28 psalms

אֱמֶת means "truth" or "faithfulness," something firm you can lean on. It comes from the same root as "amen," the word that says "this is solid, this is so." God's truth is not only correct; it is reliable forever, which is why every nation can trust it.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1	All nations and peoples, praise the LORD
2	His love toward us is great; his faithfulness lasts forever

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 1 → **Romans 15:11** Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 117 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/117**.

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

Praise & Thanksgiving

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Praise the LORD, all _____ and peoples, because his _____ toward us is great and his truth lasts _____ .

CHECK YOURSELF

1. Who is called to praise the LORD?

- (A) Only Israel
- (B) Only the priests
- (C) The angels only
- (D) All nations and peoples

2. What is great toward us?

- (A) His loving kindness
- (B) His anger
- (C) His temple
- (D) His army

3. What endures forever?

- (A) The nations
- (B) The LORD's faithfulness
- (C) The mountains
- (D) Our praise

TALK IT OVER

1. This psalm is only two verses. What reason does it give for praise?

2. Paul quotes verse 1 in Romans 15:11. What does it show about God's plan for the Gentiles?

3. How does your church welcome people from other nations to praise God together?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 117 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I can say verse 2 by heart
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: nations · kindness · forever · Check yourself: 1. D (v. 1) · 2. A (v. 2) · 3. B (v. 2)