PSALM

135

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Liturgical Hallelujah

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PICTURE WORD
Lightning

IN ONE SENTENCE

Praise the LORD, great above all gods, who chose Israel and beat her foes, while lifeless idols make their makers like them.

Remember it: One thirty-five: the LORD makes lightning; idols can't even blink.

MEMORY VERSE

The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of men's hands.

Psalm 135:15 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

גָּדוֹל

"great" · verse 5

In the Psalms: 30 times, in 23 psalms

גָּדוֹל means "great," large in size or importance. Verse 5 says the LORD is great above all gods, and the psalm proves it: he does whatever he pleases in sky and sea, while idols, for all their silver and gold, cannot even breathe.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–4	Servants called to praise the LORD who chose Jacob
5–7	The LORD is great over gods and rules the weather
8–14	He struck Egypt and kings, giving Israel their land
15–18	Idols cannot speak, see, or hear, and neither can their makers
19–21	All Israel's houses called to bless the LORD

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 135 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/135**.

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

Praise & Thanksgiving · Israel's Story · God in Creation

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Praise the LORD, great above all gods, who _____ Israel and beat her _____, while _____ idols make their makers like them.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does the LORD bring out of his treasuries?

- (A) Gold
- (B) Snow
- (C) Manna
- (D) The wind

2. Which two kings does the psalm name?

- (A) Sihon and Og
- (B) Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar
- (C) Saul and Agag
- (D) Ahab and Jezebel

3. Those who make idols will...

- (A) be rich
- (B) become like them
- (C) be forgiven
- (D) rule nations

TALK IT OVER

1. What does the psalm say the LORD has done, and what can idols do?

2. How does verse 6 change the way you think about God's power?

3. What modern "idols" can make people as deaf and blind as they are?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 135 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say verse 15 by heart
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: chose · foes · lifeless · Check yourself: 1. D (v. 7) · 2. A (v. 11) · 3. B (v. 18)