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Ps. 115:1, "Not to us, LORD, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness." (NIV)

This Psalm was written to be sung after the Passover celebrations. Because of the gravity of Passover, every Jew knew that it was only because of the love and faithfulness that they were spared. The atoning blood of the lamb was smeared on the doorpost and lintel to show that this house was covered, or atoned for, by the blood. This of course was a foreshadowing of the ultimate sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Jesus the Messiah.

This verse reminds the people that no matter what they have done to follow the LORD, it is still the LORD Himself, and Him only, that deserves the praises of the people. Not to the army nor the leaders, but only to the King of kings and LORD of lords belongs all praise.

Does the LORD use people to accomplish His will? Most certainly He does. But their obedience does not draw attention to themselves, but to the One Who has given His commands and supplied His power. Eph. 3:20-21, "Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (NIV)

Let's remember this as we go about the work of the LORD. Our motivation must always be to bring Him glory. He is the only One that deserves it, because He loves us completely and is faithful always.

Dear LORD, help our lives and our lips to constantly praise Your Holy Name. You are the One and only One that deserves our worship and praise because You love us so much and You are always faithful. In Jesus Name, Amen.