**Nehemiah 9:5b-6, NKJV, emphasis mine, “**“**Stand up *and* bless the Lord your God  
Forever and ever!** “Blessed be Your glorious name,   
Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!  
6**You alone *are* the Lord;  
You have made heaven,**  
The heaven of heavens, with all their host,  
The earth and everything on it,  
The seas and all that is in them,  
And You preserve them all.  
The host of heaven worships You.”

**In 445/444 BC, King Artzxerxes of Persia, appointed Nehemiah as cup bearer for his Court. Lamenting the fact that Jerusalem's walls were broken down, Nehemiah asked the king to restore them; so Artaxerxes sent him to Judah as governor of the province with permission to rebuild the walls. And, it was in 'the Jerusalem context' where 'Governor' Nehemiah "ball-pointed" 'pretty spectacular' pennings, (more than four centuries before Jesus), that were piercing, plausible, perceptive, perspicacious, 'pushin' people to praise,' perfect, and permanent! Re-read Nehemiah, and remember His "still relevant" secrets to us all!**

**Stand up *and* bless the Lord your God…Forever and ever!**

**Today, this “This is Your Praise?” Thursday, “stand up” and applaud, acclaim, admire, approve, approbate, acknowledge, appreciate, adulate and adore the Lord your God**

***for***

**He (Our Mighty King) alone is the Lord; He has made heaven and the earth and the seas….and everything!**

**Blessed be His glorious name!!**

***Always and forever...***

**Because of Him,**

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**Dear Lord God, I praise You! I adore You! You are more than mighty, larger than life itself, and greater than any other! Thank You for loving me and offering me a chance to spend eternity with You! Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to freely give salvation and healing. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to bring comfort and peace in a perilously precarious world! Thank You for forgiving me for my foolishness, faulting, and failings. Keep me steady; keep me sound; keep me secure. Guide my steps so that I might follow Your design for my life. Help my friends and family be well and whole. I fall at Your feet in praise! Protect Your chosen people, Israel, and bring peace to Jerusalem. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**