

Devotion for Sunday 10 October 2021

Psalm 150 – Praise the LORD!

As we worship together again, let us begin with thanksgiving to God for all that He has done and for who he is. Let us read Psalm 150 with thankful hearts and sing praises to God, who alone deserves all praise. This psalm rings in our ears with a repetitive call to praise the Lord. Thirteen times in a mere six verses the theme is repeated. This illustrates how important it is to give thanks and to praise God.

The psalm also tells us why we should praise him – We are to praise God “for his mighty deeds” and “his excellent greatness.” It also tells us how we should praise him – with “trumpet sound...lute and harp... tambourine and dance...strings and pipe...loud crashing cymbals.” And lastly, the psalm tells us who and what should praise him – “let everything that has breath praise the LORD!”

Throughout the Psalms, we are reminded of the great things God has done. How he formed us while we were in the womb, and ordained all the days of our life. We discover that he sent the Messiah to die for our sins and he provides for our every need as our good Shepherd. The Psalms describe how God is victorious in a time of trial and how He has given us sufficient grace and his word to guide us. Think of how He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world. He has dealt graciously and patiently with us to lead us to the place where we are today. Truly, God has certainly done mighty deeds!

Apart from His many mighty deeds, God is worthy of praise simply for who He is. He is perfect, majestic, lacking in nothing. He is King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, most high. He is blessed and trustworthy and sovereign, King and Lord. He alone possesses truth and immortality and whose steadfast love abounds and righteousness endures for ever. He alone is worthy to receive glory and honour and power and praise. So, let us praise God according to His excellent greatness. God is to be praised in all of heaven and earth for He sits enthroned forever.

The psalms end with the invitation for us to make a joyful noise to the Lord, with whatever means available to us, in appreciation for who he is and as a privilege of coming before him in worship. I pray you make this a part of your daily routine – in whatever circumstances you find yourself, always praise the Lord!

It will also be helpful to identify specific “mighty deeds” and ways in which God has revealed “his excellent greatness” in your life. Praise him for them! Even if you don’t have a musical instrument available because the purpose is not necessarily being a skilled musician – it is to lay aside any inhibitions or self-consciousness you may feel so that you can pour yourself into fully abandoned praise to God!

That’s really the point of this Psalm, that God created us to love and serve him. Our focus, should be “Praise the Lord.” We are to praise the Lord, everywhere! And in every way and always. And it is to be every one of us. Everything that has breath. And it means that the praise of God should be our main business when we gather as the church. We gather primarily to meet with God, to corporately offer praise to Him. And we are to Praise the Lord for everything God is and has done! How beautiful indeed our God is, who is worthy forever to be praised!

Let us say this prayer together as we close: *Almighty God, you alone are truly worthy to be praised. Make my life an act of worship to you both now and forever-more. Amen.*

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

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