

The Basics of Worship

Psalm 150
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Psalm 150 is the final song in the Hebrew songbook. Its theme is a summary of the theme of all the other songs. Thirteen times the songwriter states the theme: "Praise the Lord". One sentence sums up this song and our message today: "Praise Him: Wherever...for Whatever...with Whatever...by Whoever!"

I. Praise Him...the Who We Worship

1. Directed toward the LORD (Yah); God (el)
2. Why must get this right:
 - God deserves it
 - God designed us for worship of Him
 - The desired benefit

II. Praise Him Wherever

1. In the sanctuary and in the firmament
2. If you have not learned to worship God everywhere you are probably struggling with worshiping Him anywhere.

III. Praise Him For Whatever

1. His mighty acts and His excellent greatness.
2. For what He has done and for who He is...His attributes
3. Real test: Not when God acts for our gain but in the midst of our loss!

Job 1:²⁰ ¶ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."

IV. Praise Him With Whatever

1. Names all kinds of instruments.
2. Biblical expressions of praise
 - Praise may be vocal: spoken; shouted; sung
 - Praise may be audible (but not vocal)
 - Praise may be visible (without being audible)

1 Corinthians 10:³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

V. Praise By Whoever

1. Reminder:
 - "The heavens declare the glory of the Lord"
 - "The trees of the fields will clap their hands" (Isaiah 55:12)
 - "The rocks would cry out"
2. Only man has option to NOT worship Him!
3. Warning! Option open only while alive!

Philippians 2:⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.