



Psalm 150

Church, Let's Praise the Lord!

Charles Spurgeon, the great English preacher of the 19th century said this in regards to the 150th Psalm;
"We have now reached the last summit of the mountain chain of Psalms. It rises high in the clear blue skies, and its brow is bathed in the sunlight of the eternal world of worship. It is a rapture. The poet-prophet is full of inspiration and enthusiasm. He stays not to argue, to teach, to explain; but cries with burning words, "Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise ye the Lord."

Praise is mentioned 13 times in these 6 verses.

I. Praise the Lord

Matthew Henry says this in regards to these first 3 words of Psalm 150

"Praise God with a strong faith; praise him with holy love and delight; praise him with an entire confidence in Christ; praise him with a believing triumph over the powers of darkness; praise him with an earnest desire towards him, and a full satisfaction in him; praise him by a universal respect to all his commands; praise him by a cheerful submission to all his disposals; praise him by rejoicing in his love, and solacing yourselves in his great goodness; praise him by promoting the interests of the kingdom of his grace; praise him by a lively hope and expectation of the kingdom of his glory."

1a. **Praise God in his sanctuary.**

1b. **Praise Him in His mighty Firmament!**

Another word for "firmament" is heaven. While the angels, seraphim, and elders are praising the Lord in the mighty heavens, God's people are praising Him in His sanctuary.

II. Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

In verse 1, we read where we are to praise Him. In verse 2, we read of reasons WHY we are to praise Him.

2a. Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

There is nothing little about God and there is nothing great apart from him.

III. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

TRUMPET – With the loudest, clearest note; call the people together.

Jesus declares in the book of Matthew 24:30-21

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His ^[a]elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

LUTE AND HARP – dulcet or more sweet and soothing notes are to be consecrated as well as more startling sounds.

The literal definition of Psalm is “**song sung to a harp.**”

IV. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

TIMBREL AND DANCE – A timbrel in biblical times is similar to a tambourine.
Incorporation of timbrel and dance involves both the hands and the feet.

Charles Spurgeon said this in regards to this particular verse. “If people are dull in the worship of the Lord our God, they are not acting consistently with the character of their religion.”

4b. Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

FLUTE – The King James Version refers to this instrument as the organ. The first occurrence of a very primitive type of organ was first developed around 300 bc. This is probably why you see more current translations such as the New King James translate this as a flute.

V. Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals.

VI. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!