

Theme: The psalms of praise call us to give praise to God for His character and His actions.

I. Intro – Fitting & Memorable Conclusion

- A. A good conclusion must fit the rest of the work
- B. A good conclusion must be memorable
- C. Psalm 150 is both fitting & memorable

II. Psalm 150 – The Conclusion to Psalms

- A. The last psalm in the collection!
- B. The concluding doxologies
 - 1. There are 5 books within Psalms
 - 2. Ending doxology (41:13; 72:18-19; 89:52; 106:48; 145-150)
 - 3. Grand doxology for whole book
- C. The movement: lamentation to praise!
 - 1. True of lament Psalms
 - 2. True of whole book (teaching 1)
 - 3. Final note is one of awesome praise!

III. Structure and Message of Psalm 150

- A. Structure of the Psalm
 - 1. Hallelujah inclusion (vv 1,6)

2. Four key questions answered

- a. Where to praise God (v 1)
- b. Why to praise God (v 2)
- c. How to praise God (vv 3-5)
- d. Who should praise God (v 6)

B. A brief look at Psalm 150

1. The command: praise the Lord!

- a. The inclusion – Hallelujah!
- b. The use of hallelujah in Psalms
 - 23 x in Psalter; all from 104 to end
 - 20 in book 5; 10 in last 5 Psalms!
- c. The command – 10 times!
- d. This is the goal of Psalms

2. Where to praise God

- a. Sanctuary – Temple; church gathering
- b. Heaven/Firmament – Gen 1; creation; angels

3. Why to praise God (acts – v1; 106:8; Being)

- a. Acts of power – creation (v 1); redemption (106:8)
- b. Being – surpassing greatness

4. How to praise God (all ways; exuberant)

- a. A litany of musical instruments
- b. Point – use everything available!
- c. This praise will be exuberant!

5. Who should praise God

- a. Everything having breath!
- b. All creation is to praise God!
- c. His people should lead creation in this praise!

IV. Applying Psalm 150 Today

A. Is your life characterized by praise?

- 1. Do you see that life moves to praise?
- 2. Do you praise God when we gather?
- 3. Do you praise God in all of life?

B. Do you exuberantly praise God?

- 1. Do you praise God with everything in you?
- 2. Are we more excited about God than anything else?
- 3. Praise Him with a whole heart!

Psalm 150

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Response: That's Why We Praise Him OR Doxology
Benediction:

Praise: How Awesome Is the Lord!

13 Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen. Psalm 41:13

18 Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. 19 Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen. Psalm 72:18-19

52 Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen. Psalm 89:52

48 Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD. Psalm 106:48

Praise the Lord in Psalms:

- ✓ Praise the Lord (Hallelu Yah) used 23 times in Psalms
- ✓ All 23 occurrences are from Psalm 104-150
- ✓ 20 of 23 occurrences are in book 5 (Psalms 107-150)
- ✓ 10 occurrences in Psalms 146-150!
- ✓ A definite build up of praise within the book of Psalms!

⁸ Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his mighty power known.

Psalm 106:8