

HALLELUJAH

TEXT: (Psalm 150:1-6, NIV)

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. ² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. ³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, ⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

INTRTODUCTION

1. "Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples" (Psalm 117:1, NIV).
2. "The LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory" (Psalm 149:4, NIV).
3. "Thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel" (Psalm 22:3, KJV).

I. PRAISE THE LORD, EVERYBODY!

1. "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God" (I Samuel 30:6, KJV).

A. Audibly Praise the LORD

1. "Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness" (Psalm 150:1-2, NIV).

B. He Dwells in the Praises of His People

1. "Thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel" (Psalm 22:3, KJV).
2. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV).
3. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34, NIV).
4. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7, KJV).

II. HOW WE WORSHIP GOD

A. In Spirit and in Truth

1. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).
2. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32, NIV).

B. In the Beauty of Holiness

1. "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2, KJV).

C. With the Whole Heart

1. "I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works" (Psalm 9:1).
3. "Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation" (Psalm 111:1).

III. Ways We Express True Worship To The Lord

A. By Use of Musical Instruments and Singing.

1. "Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise. For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth" (Psalm 33:3-4, KJV).
2. "Hallelujah! Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His powerful acts; praise Him for His abundant greatness.
Praise Him with trumpet blast; praise Him with harp and lyre. Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with flute and strings. Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals.
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Hallelujah! (Psalm 150:1-6, HCSB)
3. "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:18-19, NIV).

B. The Dance.

1. "Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing" (Exodus 15:20, NIV).
2. "And David danced before the LORD with all his might" (II Samuel 6:14, KJV).

C. Clapping of Hands.

1. "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph" (Psalm 47:1, KJV).

CONCLUSION:

A. Hallelujah Anyhow!

1. "Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God" (Job 1:22, KJV).
2. "We accept the good that God gives us. Shouldn't we also accept the bad" (Job 2:10, GWT)?

B. He Looked Up!

1. "We accept the good that God gives us. Shouldn't we also accept the bad" (Job 2:10, GWT)?

C. Not Based on Circumstances

1. (Acts 2:36).
2. "He said, Naked I came from my mother, and naked I will return. The LORD has given, and the LORD has taken away! May the name of the LORD be praised (Job 1:21, GWT)"