

3 FORMED BY THE PSALMS, INDIVIDUALLY
+ CORPORATELY, RESULT = PRAISE

☰☰ Each of the 5 books of Psalms, ends
w. praise: Book 1 = Psalms 1-41 vs. 12; Book 2
= Psalm 42-72 vs. 19; Book 3 = Psalm 73 - Psalm
89 vs. 52; Book 4 = Psalm 90-106 vs. 48;
Book 5 = Psalm 107 - 150 Psalms 145-150 "Crescendo"

① WHY PRAISE

☰☰ Psalm 150 "Call to praise the LORD"
"Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD"

You are going to praise something! C.S. Lewis

1. The LORD is worthy of your praise
in His being, glory, attributes
2. The LORD is worthy of your praise
for His Mighty acts of creation +
redemption.
3. You are made to praise the LORD
Lewis ... ring true? WCF Q 1

Why Praise in light of my hard life?

- ✓ Lament to Θ \Rightarrow Praise to Θ
- ✓ Forgiveness of Θ \Rightarrow Praise to Θ
- ✓ Pilgrimage to Θ \Rightarrow Praise of Θ

Tim Keller... Nathan's Song

② HOW TO PRAISE

Praise GOD...

Everywhere Praise Θ in his sanctuary,
Praise him in his mighty heavens. vs 1

For Everything Praise him for his mighty
deeds [examples]; praise him according
to his excellent greatness [examples]

With Every Means Praise him w. trumpet
sound; praise him w. lute and harp! Praise
him w. tambourine and dance; Praise him with
strings and pipes! Praise him w. sounding cymbals,
praise him w. loud clashing cymbals!

What do you have/we have to be used for praise? ②

③ WHO TO PRAISE

Purposely ambiguous... Who should praise
and Whom should be praised?

Let everything that has breath praise the
LORD! Praise the LORD!

1. Who should praise the LORD?

= Everyone, rich + poor, urban + rural,
educated + uneducated, from every
culture + place, age + demographic

☑ He gives you breath + sustains
every breath

☑ He alone is Worthy of your praise;
fits; everything else you praise is
fading glory + falling apart!

☑ He is the BEAUTY behind every beauty,

↙ TRUTH behind all truth, etc.

2. Who should you praise?

LORD ▶ Yahweh, God of Bible, LORD of OT
LORD Jesus Revelation of Θ in NT

Every Psalm whispers his Name. He is the
Towering Figure of the Psalms!