

**Psalm 149**  
 Praise For God's Triumph  
 August 30, 2023

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Psalms Overview

- Many Psalms start with an affliction, God where are you, then praising God (Similar to Psalm 13 last week).
- The last 7 Psalms are different; start with a halleluiah (praise the Lord) and then why one should praise Him.
- Look forward to the future (w/o fully understanding it).
- The highest calling of the individual is praising God.
- God is always the focal point of the Psalms (not you).
- Ps. 149 is in two parts. In 1-6a the saints are singing and in 6b-9 they are reigning (Millennial Kingdom).

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Psalm 149:1-3

- The new song which Israel sings is the song of creation, redemption, and reign (past, present, and future).
- The godly ones are to sing in corporate worship.
- Israel was to rejoice in the One who created them.
- The sons of Zion are to rejoice in the future Messiah.
- Do we praise God for His tomorrow???
- Bring all (you/have) to worship Him; yourself, heart, voice, and instruments if you have them.

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Psalm 149: 4-6a

- The Lord is pleased with those who meet His approval.
- Ps. 33:18-22 Trust = confidence. In John 3:16, the word “believe” means to have trust/confidence).
- God is please with those who look to Him for salvation.
- He will glorify those who are humble *in* Him.
- Corporately His people (then and now) praise him in every situation and location, even before sleep (bed).
- Praise is to flow continuously from their lips. Compare that with Joshua 1:8 and add that command to Ps. 149.

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Psalm 149:6b-9

- 6b-V9, Israel is in the role of judges (sharing to some degree with the Lord), dispensing His justice.
- Refers to the destruction of foes when Messiah returns.
- The Lord rules with a rod of iron during that period. (Rev. 2:27)
- The saints have a double-edged sword (Heb. 4:12) & it will be a reign of righteousness-undeviating justice.
- Believing Jews and Gentile Believers (Saints) will all share in the coming reign of Christ (1 Cor. 6:2-3).

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Psalm 149 - Summary

- Prophetic; pointing to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (Rev. 11-21).
- Israel is to sing now & will sing in the future.
- Israel will in the future will accept Christ. (Believing Israel) as seen in Rom. 11:26.
- They, with Gentile Saints will reign in the Kingdom.
- All foes of God will be defeated (Satan, fallen angels, rejectors of Christ).
- The Double-Edge Sword: Word of God prevails as will the faithful in Christ prevail.

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