

NETCAST SERMON NOTES

Series: Summer in the Psalms

Date: August 30th, 2026

Title: The Final Word is Praise

Speaker: Travis Boyd

Key Scripture: Psalm 150 (with Psalm 13, 22, 42, 51, 73, 88; Romans 12:1–2; Revelation 5:13)

The Big Idea: Praise is natural to us, but lesser things often receive our highest celebration. As the ultimate crescendo of the Psalms, Psalm 150 demonstrates that no matter how deep the grief, darkness, or lament we experience in this life, for the people of God, the final word is always praise.

1. **Praise God Everywhere** Psalm 150:1 calls us to praise God both in His sanctuary and in His mighty heavens. His presence is corporate and cosmic, extending far beyond the walls of a church building.
 - Beyond the Sanctuary: God's glory cannot be contained in one room, and neither should our praise. He is just as worthy on your daily commute, in your office, or while folding laundry as He is when the church gathers.
 - Mobile Temples: In the New Testament, God's people together are His temple. When we leave the church gathering, His praise goes with us into every space we enter.
2. **Praise God for What He Has Done and Who He Is** Psalm 150:2 commands us to praise God for His mighty deeds and His excellent greatness. We often relate to God transactionally, praising Him only when prayers are answered or when life goes our way.
 - Character Over Circumstance: While we celebrate His faithful deeds, true praise does not stop at what God does; it worships Him for who He is—holy, merciful, good, and sovereign.
 - The Ultimate Deed: Through the cross and resurrection, Jesus entered our lament, defeated sin and death, and guaranteed that darkness will not have the final say.
3. **Praise God With Everything You Have** The Psalmist lists trumpets, harps, tambourines, strings, pipes, and loud clashing cymbals to show that every available instrument, voice, and physical expression should be marshaled to exalt God.
 - Expressed and Embodied: Praise is not meant to stay trapped inside our heads. Scriptural worship includes clapping, shouting, lifting hands, and bowing.
 - Audit Your Celebration: We freely yell at sporting events and praise great restaurants without hesitation. We must ask ourselves if we are withholding from the God of the universe the outward celebration we freely give to lesser things.

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4. Praise Him If You Have Breath Psalm 150:6 concludes with the ultimate mandate: "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!"

- A Gift Returned: God gives us life and breath (Acts 17:25), and our breath finds its highest purpose when it is returned to Him in praise.
- The Ultimate End: One day we will take our last earthly breath, but in Christ, that final breath is not our final praise. Revelation 5 shows every creature ultimately worshipping the Lamb on the throne forever.

Call to Action / Reflection Question: Where are you currently allowing temporary pain, distraction, or fear to silence your worship, and how can you use your breath to praise God for who He is this week?