

Highlights from the Psalms

Psalm 150:1-6

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INTRO: the collection of Psalms ends with 150. It is a fitting benediction to the entire collection in all 5 books. It is a typical Hebrew poem consisting of 6 parallel verses that are predominantly synthetic in nature.

Hebrew parallelism consists of 3 types; the second line amplifying the first in some way:

- 1) *Synonymous*—the second line repeats the thought of the first and emphasizes it.
(Psalm 2:1-3) Proverbs 2:1-6
- 2) *Antithetic*—the second line says the opposite of the first.
(Psalm 1:6) Proverbs 10:1-5
- 3) *Synthetic*—the second line adds to or embellishes the first.
(Psalm 1:1-3)

I. WORSHIP GOD IN THE WAY HE DESERVES (vv 1-2)

- A. Praise the God Who has Revealed Himself (v. 1a)
 1. Hallel (short for Hallelujah)
 2. Yah (short for Yaweh or Jehovah)
- B. Praise the God of Heaven Who is Enthroned above the universe
 1. Speaks of the heavenly sanctuary (v. 1b)
 2. Because the synthetic parallel structure lifts our eyes to the heavens (expanse) (v 1c)
- C. Praise God for His Miracles (Mighty deeds) (v. 2a)
- D. Praise God for His Greatness and His Moral character (v. 2b)

II. JOYFULLY CELEBRATE THE LORD (vv. 3-5)

- A. It is a symphony of praise with multiple instruments.
- B. The praise includes the trumpet, harp, lyre, timbrel, sacred dance, stringed instruments, pipe, loud cymbals and resounding cymbals.

III. THE SCOPE OF PRAISE (v. 6)

- A. The Psalmist urges “everything that has breath” to join in the praise.
 1. Of course this means all people
 2. It also means all animal life
- B. Jesus said if the people were silent the rocks would cry out (Luke 19:40)
- C. All creation ultimately praises Him Who made it (Psalms 19:1-6)
“The heavens declare the glory of God, and their expanse declares the work of His hands.”

CONC: Are you among the worshipers? Do you worship God in the heavenlies, knowing that all He has made speaks of His glory? Do you find His image in every person? Do even the animals speak to you of His delight in creation? Does the worship of Him make you want to dance for joy and play His praises loudly with musical instruments? We have a great and wonderful God!

What a fitting benediction to the collection of Psalms!

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