

Thanksgiving in Song

Psalm 150

Child given candy at a Trunk or Treat then asking “and what do you say?”

Into: Praise appears 164 times in Psalms 13 times in text!

Text: Called Songs of Praise

No better source than Psalms for Thanksgiving in a song.

Our text is one of the best.

I. Context of Praise in the Life of Faith.

NO DOXOLOGY – NO THEOLOGY

1. Where there is no praise, there is no faith.

Psalms begins with God blessing man (Freedom to choose)

Psalm 1 – Introduction -Delight in the law of the Lord and on His law meditate....

Psalm 150 – ends with man blessing God – praise God for His acts of power and surpassing greatness.. Caught up in rapture and made to reverberate around the Throne.

ILL. Piano player using all the keys – High and Low!

The theology of Psalm 1 leads to doxology of 150!

When our lives are rooted in God, Thanksgiving will be the result.

2. Praise is only one word in the language of faith.

400,000 Words in English language. Many words in language of faith

Our communication with God would be impoverished if we only used the word “praise.” Our lives are rooted in God.

Thanksgiving is part of our experience.

We must never so idealize our life with God that we deny the Realities of our life in this world. Fallen World, Pain and Suffering

DECLARATIVE PRAISES IN PSALMS

Specific: activities of God for which we are thankful.

WE should praise God for what He has done: creation, Israel, lives

Responses to the activity of God. Our of chaos of nothingness God created the world, into the chaos of our lives God brought order.

DESCRIPTIVE PRAISES IN PSALMS

Praise not just a response to the activities of God but also a response to the person of God. NOT JUST WHAT HE DOES, BUT WHO HE IS.

He is still God and He is worthy of praise because of “His surpassing greatness.”

God is worthy of praise because of who He is.

“Creator” (Psalm 19) The heavens declare the glory of God

“King” (Psalm 29) The Lord sits a King forever.

“Warrior” (Psalm 89:10) You crushed Rahab...scattered your enemies

“Judge” (Psalm 96) Sing o the Lord a new song. He is coming to judge the world

“Transformer” (Psalm 107:33-40) The world humbles man-

God is God alone

How? (v 3-5)

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WE PRAISE GOD BEAUSE OF WHO HE IS AND BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE—

GOD IS WORHTY OF OUR PRAISE

Our praise is to join with and to be shared by other believers.

Note all of the instruments added one by one – all TOGETHER!

Trumpet – harp - Lyre (guitar) - tambourine, Dancing – strings – flute – cymbals (clash) – cymbals (resounding)

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3. Praise is not a denial of reality of our circumstances.

A declaration of reality

ILL. Some say, based on the realities of our lives, we have nothing to praise God for!!!

Praise grows out of the recognition that there is a reality broader than our circumstances. THAT REALITY IS GOD!

Praise is a response to the person of God and therefore ought to be a predominant note in the life of every person of faith.

Les us confidently pronounce this word of praise and thanksgiving. Raises some questions about praise.

II. Questions About Praise

Where? (v.1) "In His sanctuary, in His mighty heavens.

IN HIS SANTUARY.

Praise is to be a part of weekly worship – this is His place!

Must recognize and articulate our conviction that God is a great God and Worthy to be praised! We don't worship worship! God alone!

IN OUR DAILY WALK.

We are under God's "Mighty Heavens."

Praise is not to be an occasional action. To be a way of life.

Every place we go, everything we do

Why? (v.2) Should we praise God?

Praise Him for his acts of Power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness:

2. Categories of praise psalms: Declarative and Descriptive

WHO (v.6) "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

66:1 "All the inhabitants of the earth"

33:8 "All flesh"

145:21 "All flesh will praise His holy name forever and forever."

Continually called to praise the Lord.

Conclusion: Every believer is to praise God, regardless of the circumstances in his or her life.

God is still God, the God who created the world, the God who controls the world, the God who has redeemed us in Christ, the God who has given us the Holy Spirit, and the God who has prepared a place for us and the God who will someday soon bring history to a close. GOD IS STILL GOD

Paul to the Athenians: "God is the One in whom we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28)

Every believer is to praise God!

The first and last word of faith should be HALLELUJAH!