

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

# THE LORD TAKETH PLEASURE IN HIS PEOPLE PSALMS 149

Text: Psalms 149:4

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<sup>4</sup> For ***the LORD taketh pleasure in his people***: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Introduction:

Praising God is the highest privilege afforded to the saints.

Whether it be offered by believers in Heaven or by those living on earth, they are truly blessed to enter God's presence and exalt his name.

Worshipping God is a privilege for all believers.

Worshipping God is never to be viewed as a rote ritual or as empty drudgery.

Rather, it is joyful delight, the highest honor of the Lord's people.

This is the central theme of this chapter.

Notice:

Sermon Content:

## **1. THE CALL TO WORSHIP (VS. 1-3)**

### ***Psalm 149:1-3***

*<sup>1</sup> Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. <sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.*

Like so many psalms, this song begins with a call to worship God, summoning his people to praise the Lord. (vs. 1)

They are to sing to the LORD a new song, which can be even an old song sung in a new day with a new awareness of its truthfulness and importance.

This song is to be sung in the congregation.

There are people today who think church is not important.

Church attendance is very important as this is one place that we are sing and praise the Lord.

God's people are to join their hearts and voices together in declaring God's glory.

We are to rejoice in the Lord because He is our Creator and King. (vs. 2)

He is the Creator and Controller of all things.

We consider not only the Call to Worship but also:

## **2. THE CAUSE OF WORSHIP (VS. 4)**

### ***Psalm 149:4***

*<sup>4</sup> For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.*

Note two causes of worship.

- The Lord Takes Delight In His People

Although they are hated and despised by the pagan nations who threaten them, they are deeply loved by God.

Believers bring pleasure to God.

They are His chosen inheritance.

**Psalm 35:27**

*27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.*

**Psalm 147:11**

*11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.*

Because we as believers are the object of God's love should cause us to praise Him.

Note a second cause:

- God Beautifies the Meek With Salvation

**Psalm 149:4**

*4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.*

When God created His creation He declared good.

However it wasn't long after He created man that man sin and the beauty that existed was tarnished.

But in salvation God returns the beauty to the believer.

Those tarnished by sin and suffering can be delivered by God as the place their trust in Him.

Those afflicted with **sin** and suffering will be delivered by God as they place their trust in him.

Those who confess their sin will be forgiven.

Therefore, praise should be given to the Lord.

We consider the Call to Worship and the Causes of Worship.

We consider one final thought.

### **3. THE CONFIDENCE IN WORSHIP (VS. 5-9)**

#### ***Psalm 149:5-9***

*<sup>5</sup> Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. <sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; <sup>7</sup> To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; <sup>8</sup> To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; <sup>9</sup> To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.*

In response to God's grace and goodness we should sing aloud, not just in the congregation but also in our homes.

Even when we lie down we can rejoice know that God will never forsake us.

This is demonstrated confidence in the Lord.

Adoration not Anxiety should be our behavior.

Close:

Praising God is the highest honor afforded believers.

It should never be allowed to become a dreary duty.

As long as believers focus on the glory of God's unrivaled supremacy, their worship will be right and pleasing to Him.

Praising the Lord is the Priceless Privilege of every believer.