

=FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS=

Lesson 58

Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149, 150

INTRODUCTION: David wrote most of the Psalms. It is a very interesting thing that David said in Psalm 71:14, “But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.” This was true in David’s life. In the early Psalms that he wrote, the word “praise” is used very sparingly; however, in the last five Psalms it is used very often. The word “praise” is found in Psalm 146 five times, in Psalm 147 seven times, in Psalm 148 eleven times, in Psalm 149 six times, and in Psalm 150 thirteen times. In other words, with the passing of the years, David found more occasion and more reason to praise the Lord. All five of these Psalms begin and end with, “Praise ye the LORD.” There is a definite need in all of us to praise the Lord. (Teacher, ask your class to share with you some things for which they ought to praise God.)

I. WHO SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD?

1. The poor and needy should praise the Lord. Psalm 74:21.
2. Kings, princes and judges should praise the Lord. Psalm 148:11.
3. The young and the old should praise the Lord. Psalm 148:12.
4. Men and women should praise the Lord. Psalm 148:12.
5. All the people should praise the Lord. Psalm 67:3, 5.
6. All the angels should praise the Lord. Psalm 148:2.
7. Sun, moon, stars, dragons, fish, animals, hail, snow and insects should praise the Lord. Psalm 148:3, 7-10.
8. Leah said, “Now will I praise the LORD.” Genesis 29:35b.
9. Isaiah said, “I will praise thy name.” Isaiah 25:1b.
10. Jeremiah said, “Praise the LORD of hosts.” Jeremiah 33:11b.
11. Paul and Silas praised the Lord. Acts 16:25.
12. The Levites sang praises to God. II Chronicles 29:30.
13. Peter said, “...that ye should shew forth the praises of him....” I Peter 2:9.

II. WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE THE LORD?

1. For forgiveness. Psalm 103:3.
2. For healing. Psalm 103:3.
3. For a useful life. Psalm 103:4.
4. For mercy. Psalm 103:4.
5. For food. Psalm 103:5.
6. For strength. Psalm 103:5.
7. For rain, clouds and grass. Psalm 147:8.
8. For peace. Psalm 147:14.
9. Because He heals the broken hearts. Psalm 147:3.
10. Because He loves the outcasts. Psalm 147:2.
11. Because He calls the stars by name. Psalm 147:4.

III. HOW SHOULD WE PRAISE THE LORD?

1. With our lips. Psalm 63:3.
2. With our mouths. Psalm 63:5.
3. More and more with the passing of the days. Psalm 71:14.
4. Seven times a day. Psalm 119:164.

IV. BIBLE EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO PRAISED THE LORD.

1. David praised the Lord when the ark returned to Jerusalem. II Samuel 6:14, 15.
2. Paul and Silas praised the Lord at midnight while they were in jail. Acts 16:25.
3. Moses praised the Lord after the crossing of the Red Sea. Exodus 15:1-21.
4. The Jews praised the Lord upon returning from captivity. Ezra 3:11.
5. The shepherds praised the Lord. Luke 2:20.
6. The early church praised the Lord. Acts 2:47.
7. Those who were healed praised the Lord. Acts 3:8, 9.

V. GREEK WORDS TRANSLATED “PRAISE” IN THE BIBLE.

1. There is one Greek word which is used only for praise to God.
2. There is a Greek word from which we get our word “hymn” which means “to sing,” “to laud,” “to sing praises.”
3. There is another Greek word from which we get our word “psalm”; it means “to twitch or twang as on a bowstring.” Actually, what it meant was a way of praising God with instruments, especially playing a stringed instrument with the fingers.
4. There is another Greek word from which we get our word “eulogy,” which means “to bless and praise the Lord.”
5. There is another Greek word which means, “praising God with words.” It means “to confess and praise the Lord” or “to praise the Lord and confess.”

CONCLUSION: Teacher, lead the pupils to see how good God has been to them, and at least to praise His Name in their hearts.