

## Daily Devotional, March 2, 2021 Let All Things Now Living

***“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:6 (NIV)***

Lately, I have been reflecting on some of the Psalms and have discovered a few things. The first Psalm (Psalm 1) praises the beauty and truth of God’s law. The last Psalm (Psalm 150) praises the greatness and worthiness of the Lord’s amazing works and God’s very self! This brief six verse Psalm is a call or a command to worship. What a fitting end to a *book* of worship! And just who is called to praise and honor, worship, and glorify the Lord our God? You might be surprised to see who is on the invitation list.

First, we have the people in the sanctuary who are called to gather and praise. No real surprise there. But then, we see that all creatures under the skies and upon the earth are called to join in: that is *everything that has breath*. Just think, the sanctuary has gone from the inside to the outside and everywhere around the world! This Psalm says God should be praised for His acts of power that have been done for us and for His surpassing greatness. And how is God to be praised? The writer says with an array of instruments such as trumpets, harp and lyre, strings and pipe, cymbals and tambourine, and with songs and dancing.

“Everything that breathes” is called to praise the Lord! We note that worship is not to be an exclusive event... but a profoundly inclusive one. Psalm 150 pictures a really big world-wide church...one that includes “all things now living”, that is, all creation offering “a song of thanksgiving.”

Whenever we pause to praise and sing, to pray and to honor God, whenever we gather, whether that be in person or by virtual means, to worship God we are doing what this Psalm invites, commands, and desires for us to do. To worship, honor, and serve God is our first and greatest calling, joy, and responsibility. What we do together on Sunday matters greatly to the entire rest of the week!

There is no one “right way” or even “right time” to worship God. What’s more, worship isn’t for a select few but is to be a joyful expression for all. With body, heart, and mind every bit of our senses and gifts are used to celebrate God’s greatness. One of the great blessings of worshiping from home is that our family pets have an opportunity to join in our celebration of God along with the birds flying above our houses and the squirrels scurrying all around our yards.

The one great thing about this closing psalm is that worship may start in the sanctuary with us but it continues until “heaven and nature sing” with all things living in glad praise of God. So the next time you’re outdoors, take a look all around you and thank God for this wonderful earth and all that God has created around us to enjoy and to sing God’s praise alongside of. For God deserves our praise not just on Sundays, but on every single day that we are allowed to enjoy God’s glorious creation!

***Prayer: Forgive us O God, should we ever fail to praise and glorify You as we should. Give us great joy and a deep desire to worship You with all that we have, and all that we are, and to do so in the great company of all that has life and breath in them. In Your most glorious name O Lord, Amen.***