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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Psalm 150

“Praise the LORD!”

I. What? (1a)

II. Where? (1b-c)

III. Why? (2)

IV. How? (3-5)

V. Who? (6)

So What?

## Discussion & Application:

1. The Psalms are divided into 5 books (1-41; 42-73; 74-89; 90-106; 107-150). Each of the previous four Books of Psalms ends with a benediction (41:13; 72:18-19; 89:52; 106:48), but the final Book ends with a whole psalm devoted to praise. After all of the emotion expressed throughout the Psalms, why is that a fitting conclusion?
2. The word “praise” is used thirteen times in this psalm, and ten of those times, we are *commanded* to “Praise Him.” On a typical day, how many times might you say, “Praise the LORD,” or something similar? Do you say it more in church than you do in other settings? If yes, why?
3. The Bible is filled with commands to “Praise the LORD!” [see Ps. 34:1; 69:30; 71:8; 100:4; 106:1; 109:30; 117:1-2; Is. 25:1; Rom. 15:11; James 5:13; 1 Pet. 1:3; Jude 25] Why does God want us to do that? What are the benefits of praising the LORD? How many different ways can we praise the LORD?
4. Are you ever embarrassed to say, “Praise the LORD”? If so, why? If not, why not? What impact might it have on unbelievers around us if they heard us say, “Praise the LORD” in a setting outside of church?
5. A lot of people are choosing to “watch church worship services” online instead of attending a worship service in person. Some don’t have a choice (physical limitations). What are they missing by not attending in person? What is the church body missing when that person chooses not to attend?
6. Verse 2 says to praise God for His mighty deeds and according to His excellent greatness. What is the difference between those two? Write down and share as many of God’s mighty deeds as you can think of in the Bible. Then share mighty deeds He has done in your life. Write down and share details of God’s excellent greatness. What does it mean to praise Him “according to” His excellent greatness? What might that look like when we gather for worship?
7. A large percentage of people are more expressive at a sporting event than at a church worship service. They cheer, scream, do the wave, clap, sing “Take Me Out To The Ballgame,” high 5 strangers after a great play, etc. Why do you think that is the case?
8. Verses 3-5 describe how we should praise God. Are any of those ways surprising to you? Which one of those would be easiest for you? Which one would be hardest for you? Most scholars do not believe that list is exhaustive (i.e., other psalms mention clapping, shouting, lifting hands, etc.). Do you feel free to be physically expressive when you worship? If not, why not?
9. Verse 6 tells us who should praise the LORD. The One who put breath in us (Gen. 2:7) is the One who wants us to use that breath to praise Him. Ultimately, how many people will do this? (See Is. 45:23; Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:9-11) What are some specific ways you can personally carry out this command on a daily basis?
10. What impact do you think Psalm 150-type worship would have on a watching world? What might unbelievers think if they came into a worship service, and we were all worshipping and praising God with our whole being?
11. Spend much time this week praying to and praising our great God and Savior. When Joe sends out the song list for next Sunday, sing the songs throughout the rest of the week so you are ready to go when we gather and praise God together.