

GARMENT OF PRAISE

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Intro – Do you feel like your mate really looks good (better) in certain clothes? Maybe because of the color of their hair, body shape, etc... So, likewise, our Bridegroom (Jesus) loves to see His bride (the church) in certain garments. One of those is: THE GARMENT OF PRAISE. Are you wearing (do you wear?) the garment of praise? Would God consider *you* a praiser, a worshiper?

Is 61:3 – “and provide ... a **garment of praise** instead of the spirit of despair.”

Is 52:1 – “Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your **garments of splendor...**”

Ps 147:1 (N.A.S.) – “Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant an **praise is becoming.**”

Psalm 150* is a “treatise**” on praise and worship! It answers the following **4 questions...**

1. WHERE?

vs 1 – Praise the Lord. Praise God **in His sanctuary**; praise Him **in His mighty heavens**.

A. _____ - _____

B. _____ - _____

- **Principle #1: “God desires a “lifestyle of praise”.”**

*Discussion: Where and when is it appropriate to praise God? How do the two parts of scripture support this answer?

2. WHY?

vs 2 – Praise Him for His **acts of power**; praise Him for His **surpassing greatness**.

A. _____ - _____

B. _____ - _____

- **Principle #2: “Praise is not based upon “happenings” or “feelings”, but rather on WHO HE IS!”**

*Discussion: Where and when is it appropriate to praise God? How do the two parts of scripture support this answer?

3. HOW?

vs 3 – Praise Him with the **sounding of the trumpet**, praise Him with the **harp and lyre**, praise Him with **tambourine and dancing**, praise Him with the **strings and flute**, praise Him with the **clash of cymbals**, praise Him with **resounding cymbals**.

A. _____

- **Principle #3: “God desires REALITY v ritual!”**

*Discussion: What do we mean by this point and principle?

B. _____

*Discussion: This point mentions “loud praise”, but what about reverence? What place does it hold, and what does it mean?

C. _____

1. Instruments –

2. Methods –

a. Mouth:

b. Hands:

c. Body:

- **Principle #4: “Never EXCUSE, but always be willing to EXPLAIN Biblical Worship”**
- **Principle #5: “Genuine worship starts in the HEART, and proceeds out”**
- **Principle #6: “Not a matter of choosing which to do, but rather implementing ALL of them”**
- **Principle #7: “While God is a God of variety, He’s also a God of UNITY”**
- **Principle #8: “Let it flow NATURALLY”**

*Discussion: Go over and review principles 4-8.

4. WHO?

*vs 6 – Let everything that has **breath** praise the Lord. Praise the Lord..*

A. _____

B. _____

*Discussion: What are the two meanings of breath? So, who should praise the Lord, and who should really praise the Lord?

