

# LIGHT THE WAY

SHINE BRIGHT FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

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## GOD'S CALL FOR OUR PRAISE Psalm 150

### WHO ARE WE TO PRAISE? PSALM 150:1

*"Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse."*

Psalm 35:18 *"I will give You thanks in the great congregation; I will praise You among a mighty throng."*

Revelation 4:8-11

We seek to avoid a consumer-minded worship where each person "gets what they want." Rather, we want to continue developing a God-centered worship so we each can give to Him what He deserves. We must remember, Jesus Christ is the audience and we are His choir gathered to praise Him. Together we seek to "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23) as our response to being filled by the Spirit (Ephesians 5:15-21).

### WHY ARE WE TO PRAISE GOD? PSALM 150:2

*"Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness."*

- Praise Him for what He has done for us. **"His mighty deeds"**
- Praise Him for His character of greatness. **"His excellent greatness"**
- Psalm 78:1-8  
Verse 4: *"We will not conceal them [God's work and character] from their children, But tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done."*

### HOW ARE WE TO PRAISE GOD? PSALM 150:3-5

*"Praise Him with trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre. Praise Him with timbrel and dancing; Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe. Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with resounding cymbals."*

- With a variety of instruments.
- With a smaller group of leaders. Revelation 5:8-9
- With a growing chorus of people. Revelation 5:11-12
- With a loud voice. Revelation 5:12
- With silence/reverence. Revelation 8:1
- With standing and kneeling. Revelation 7:11
- With prayer. Revelation 8:4
- With new songs. Revelation 5:9
- With older songs. Revelation 15:3

## THEREFORE, IF YOU CAN BREATHE, YOU ARE TO PRAISE GOD IN THESE WAYS. PSALM 150:6

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!"*

## DIGGING DEEPER

Honestly ask yourself this question: When you gather to worship on Sunday, are you thinking about what kind of music or message you want to hear or are you preparing your heart for what kind of praise God wants to hear from you?

In Psalm 35:18, who was the audience of their praise? Why do you think it is important to worship in the “great congregation” and among the “mighty throng?” Why is that better or needed instead of just worshiping alone?

Psalm 150:2 offers two reasons to praise God. For His “mighty deeds” or what He has done, and for the “excellent greatness” of His nature or character.

During this Thanksgiving weekend, ask and answer the following two questions:

- What good work has God performed in your life this past year?
- What qualities of God should you praise Him for?

Psalm 150:3-5 describes many ways to worship God. Which instruments and ways of worship listed on the outline do you prefer? How do they help you praise God?

## NEXT STEPS

- 1. Find a discipleship mentor.** Discipleship is the lifelong journey of learning to become more like Jesus through the Word of God and the work of the Spirit. Calvary offers opportunities to be mentored by another Christian, or to become a mentor for others. To learn more, visit Connection Point in the Lobby or [calvarylife.org/mentor](http://calvarylife.org/mentor)
- 2. Join a LifeGroup to connect with others and grow together in your faith.** LifeGroups provide ways to actively engage in the life and purpose of our church. To learn more, select “Join a LifeGroup” on The Card (in the back of the seat rack), contact Pastor Robert Carter at [rcarter@calvarylife.org](mailto:rcarter@calvarylife.org), or visit [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)
- 3. Join in on any of the events this Christmas at Calvary:**
  - **Sing Christmas:** Friday, December 1 · 7pm | Saturday, December 2 · 2pm | Sunday, December 3 · 4pm + 6pm  
Join the world-wide celebration of Jesus’ birth with an hour of beautiful Christmas carols and songs in the Chapel. Lift your voice with orchestra, handbells and choirs in English, Spanish, Mandarin and ASL to begin this season with joy! [calvarylife.org/sing](http://calvarylife.org/sing)
  - **Christmas for a Cause:** Saturday, December 2 · 5:00-8:00 pm · Worship Center Lobby  
Come shop for unique and quality items from around the world, with proceeds going toward ministries making a difference in developing nations. [calvarylife.org/cause](http://calvarylife.org/cause)
  - **Sunday Series:** Service times for December 3, 10, 17: Worship Center: at 9:00am + 11:00am (ASL Available)  
Samsvick Chapel: 11:00am (en Español). Join us each Sunday leading up to Christmas. [calvarylife.org/sunday](http://calvarylife.org/sunday)
  - **The Longest Night:** Thursday, December 21 · 7:00 pm · Chapel  
On this, the longest night of the year, we will look to Jesus for comfort and hope in the midst of any grief or loss. Join us in the Chapel for a peaceful hour of music, scripture and prayer. [calvarylife.org/longestnight](http://calvarylife.org/longestnight)
  - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Sunday, December 24  
\*Worship Center · 10:00 am + 5:00 pm | Chapel · 10:00 am (en Español) | Chapel · 11:00 pm (Liturgical)  
Come experience a joyful and meaningful celebration at Calvary Church this Christmas Eve. We invite you to wrap up the season of Advent—of waiting and longing for the Messiah’s arrival—by welcoming the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. Through Christmas songs, creative elements, a biblical message and the lighting of candles we will present the good news of Jesus, which is a promise of God’s hope, peace, joy and love for a weary world in need of a Rescuer. [calvarylife.org/christmas](http://calvarylife.org/christmas)

*\*Both services in the Worship Center will be the same. Those with very young children are welcome to enjoy them together as a family with a live video overflow feed in the Nursery.*