

MAPPING THE PSALMS

Lesson 15

The 5 Hallelujah Psalms

Psalm 146 to 150

Look for the answers to these questions:

- 1) Why are Psalms 146 to 150 called the Hallelujah psalms?
- 2) What is the meaning of the word “Hallelujah”?
- 3) What is the theme to each of the first five books of the Bible?

Book 1 Ps 1 to 41

Book 2 Ps 42 to 72

Book 3 Ps 73 to 89

Book 4 Ps 90 to 106

Book 5 Ps 107 to 145

Five Hallelujah Psalms
Ps 146-150

The Book of Psalms closes with five “Hallelujah” psalms, so called because each one begins and ends with “Praise ye the LORD.”

In Hebrew, **Hallelu-JAH** literally means **Hail Jehovah**.

Book 1 Ps 1 to 41

Book 2 Ps 42 to 72

Book 3 Ps 73 to 89

Book 4 Ps 90 to 106

Book 5 Ps 107 to 145

Five Hallelujah Psalms
Ps 146-150

Each of these psalms correspond to one of the five books of Moses and follows its themes.

Ps 146: Book 1, Genesis
Ps 147: Book 2, Exodus
Ps 148: Book 3, Leviticus
Ps 149: Book 4, Numbers
Ps 150: Book 5, Deuteronomy

Ps 146: The 1st Hallelujah Psalm: GENESIS



Book 1 is the Genesis book, and Psalm 146 follows its theme of MAN AND CREATION.

Ps 146: The 1st Hallelujah Psalm: GENESIS

Hallelujah, 1-2

Man Untrustworthy

God Trustworthy

Hallelujah

Psalm 146:1-2

- ¹ Praise ye the LORD.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.
- ² While I live will I praise the LORD:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Ps 146: The 1st Hallelujah Psalm: GENESIS

Hallelujah

Man Untrustworthy, 3-4

God Trustworthy

Hallelujah

Psalm 146:3-4

- 3 Put not your trust in princes,
nor in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.
- 4 His breath goeth forth,
he returneth to his earth;
in that very day his thoughts perish.

Ps 146: The 1st Hallelujah Psalm: GENESIS

Hallelujah

Man Untrustworthy

God Trustworthy, 5-9

Hallelujah

Psalm 146:5-7a

- 5 Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help,
whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:
- 6 Which made heaven, and earth,
the sea, and all that therein *is*:
which keepeth truth for ever:
- 7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed:
which giveth food to the hungry.

Ps 146: The 1st Hallelujah Psalm: GENESIS

Hallelujah

Man Untrustworthy

God Trustworthy, 5-9

Hallelujah

Psalm 146:7b-9

7^b The LORD looseth the prisoners:

8 The LORD openeth *the* eyes of the blind:
the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down:
the LORD loveth the righteous:

9 The LORD preserveth the strangers;
he relieveth the fatherless and widow:
but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Ps 146: The 1st Hallelujah Psalm: GENESIS

Hallelujah

Man Untrustworthy

God Trustworthy

Hallelujah, 10

Psalm 146:10

¹⁰ The LORD shall reign for ever,
even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Praise ye the LORD.

Ps 147: The 2nd Hallelujah Psalm: EXODUS



Book 2 is the Exodus book, and Psalm 147 follows its theme of DELIVERANCE AND REDEMPTION.

Ps 147: The 2nd Hallelujah Psalm: EXODUS

His Kindness to Israel, 1-3

His Wondrous Ways

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His Kindness to Israel

Psalm 147:1-3

- ¹ **Praise ye the LORD:**
for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God;
for *it is* pleasant; and praise is comely.
- ² The LORD doth build up Jerusalem:
he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
- ³ He healeth the broken in heart,
and bindeth up their wounds.

Ps 147: The 2nd Hallelujah Psalm: EXODUS

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways, 4-6

His Kindness to Israel

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His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel

Psalm 147:4-6

- 4 He telleth the number of the stars;
he calleth them all by *their* names.
- 5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power:
his understanding *is* infinite.
- 6 The LORD lifteth up the meek:
he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Ps 147: The 2nd Hallelujah Psalm: EXODUS

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel, 7

His Wondrous Ways, 8-11

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel

Psalm 147:7-11

- 7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving;
sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
- 8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
who prepareth rain for the earth,
who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
- 9 He giveth to the beast his food,
and to the young ravens which cry.
- 10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse:
he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
- 11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
in those that hope in his mercy.

Ps 147: The 2nd Hallelujah Psalm: EXODUS

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel, 12-14

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel

Psalm 147:12-14

- ¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise thy God, O Zion.
- ¹³ For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates;
he hath blessed thy children within thee.
- ¹⁴ He maketh peace *in* thy borders,
and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

Ps 147: The 2nd Hallelujah Psalm: EXODUS

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways, 15-18

His Kindness to Israel

Psalm 147:15-18

- ¹⁵ He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth:
his word runneth very swiftly.
- ¹⁶ He giveth snow like wool:
he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
- ¹⁷ He casteth forth his ice like morsels:
who can stand before his cold?
- ¹⁸ He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:
he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

Ps 147: The 2nd Hallelujah Psalm: EXODUS

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel

His Wondrous Ways

His Kindness to Israel, 19-20

Psalm 147:19-20

- ¹⁹ He sheweth his word unto Jacob,
his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
- ²⁰ He hath not dealt so with any nation:
and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them.

Praise ye the LORD.

Ps 148: The 3rd Hallelujah Psalm: LEVITICUS



Book 3 is the Leviticus book, and Psalm 148 follows its theme of **WORSHIP** and **SANCTUARY**. Only the chosen of God can come near to him.

Ps 148: The 3rd Hallelujah Psalm: LEVITICUS

Praise from the heavens

Praise from the earth

Praise from all people

Praise from Israel

Psalm 148:1-6

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

Praise ye the LORD from the heavens:
praise him in the heights.

² Praise ye him, all his angels:
praise ye him, all his hosts.

³ Praise ye him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars of light.

⁴ Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,
and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD:
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶ He hath also stablished them for ever and ever:
he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Ps 148: The 3rd Hallelujah Psalm: LEVITICUS

Praise from the heavens

Praise from the earth

Praise from all people

Praise from Israel

Psalm 148:7-10

- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
ye dragons, and all deeps:
- 8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour;
stormy wind fulfilling his word:
- 9 Mountains, and all hills;
fruitful trees, and all cedars:
- 10 Beasts, and all cattle;
creeping things, and flying fowl:

Ps 148: The 3rd Hallelujah Psalm: LEVITICUS

Praise from the heavens

Praise from the earth

Praise from all people

Praise from Israel

Psalm 148:11-13

- ¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all people;
princes, and all judges of the earth:
- ¹² Both young men, and maidens;
old men, and children:
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD:
for his name alone is excellent;
his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.

Ps 148: The 3rd Hallelujah Psalm: LEVITICUS

Praise from the heavens

Praise from the earth

Praise from all people

Praise from Israel

Psalm 148:14

¹⁴ He also exalteth the horn of his people,
the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel,
a people near unto him.

Praise ye the LORD.

Ps 149: The 4th Hallelujah Psalm: NUMBERS



Book 4 is the Numbers book and follows its theme of WILDERNESS and WANDERING. But when the King of kings returns to establish his kingdom on earth, Israel will rejoice and find rest in Zion. And just as Joshua led Israel to drive the heathen from the Land of Canaan, Jesus and his saints will cleanse the earth of paganism once and for all.

Ps 149: The 4th Hallelujah Psalm: NUMBERS

Israel joyful in Zion

The heathen vanquished

Psalm 149:1-4

- 1 **Praise ye the LORD.**
Sing unto the LORD a new song,
and his praise in the congregation of saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance:
let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people:
he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Ps 149: The 4th Hallelujah Psalm: NUMBERS

Israel joyful in Zion

The heathen vanquished

Psalm 149:5-9

- ⁵ Let the saints be joyful in glory:
let them sing aloud upon their beds.
- ⁶ *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,*
and a twoedged sword in their hand;
- ⁷ To execute vengeance upon the heathen,
and punishments upon the people;
- ⁸ To bind their kings with chains,
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- ⁹ **To execute upon them the judgment written:
this honour have all his saints.**

Praise ye the LORD.

Ps 150: The 5th Hallelujah Psalm: DEUTERONOMY



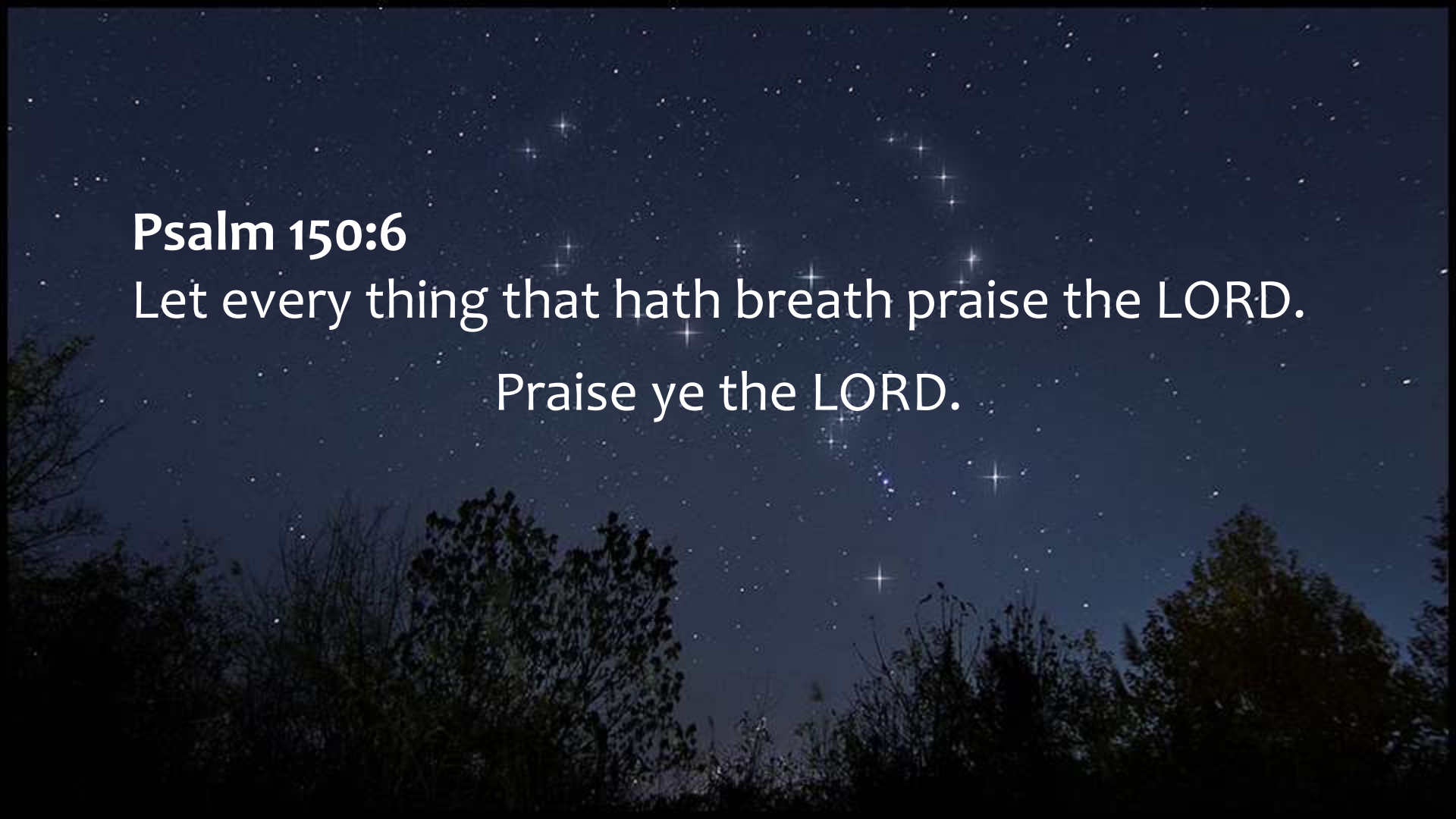
Book 5 is the Deuteronomy book, and follows its theme of SCRIPTURE and PRAISE. God magnified his word above all his name, and he called his word Jesus. Psalm 150 sings out in praise to the Eternal King who shall reign forevermore.

Ps 150: The 5th Hallelujah Psalm: DEUTERONOMY



Psalm 150:1-5

- 1 Praise ye the LORD.
Praise God in his sanctuary:
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:
praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance:
praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- 5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.



Psalm 150:6

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.

Praise ye the LORD.



Psalm 150:6

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.

Praise ye the LORD.

This concludes our study of the Book of Psalms.

Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

- 1) Why are Psalms 146 to 150 called the Hallelujah psalms? 10 pts
- 2) What is the meaning of the Hebrew word “Hallelujah”? 10 pts
- 3) Match these books to their theme: 50 pts
 - GENESIS a) Scripture and Praise
 - EXODUS b) Worship and Sanctuary
 - LEVITICUS c) Wilderness and Wandering
 - NUMBERS d) Man and Creation
 - DEUTERONOMY e) Deliverance and Redemption
- 4) **Go to the next slide** for the final challenge, worth 30 points.

Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

Distress

Cry for Help

Deliverance

Praise

Write your own psalm! Think about a time when you were in great need but God really helped you. In just four sentences, tell a true story **from your own life** that includes these four stages of deliverance from Psalm 107.



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