



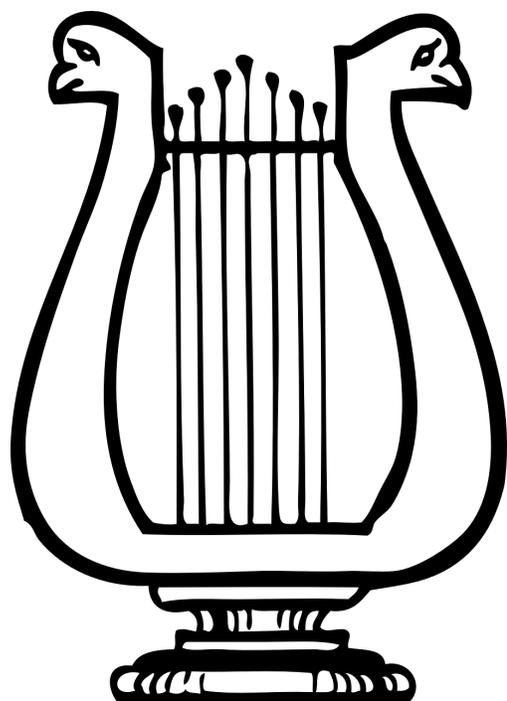
# Studying the Psalms

## Psalms 149

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 149 is about using *music* to celebrate, worship, and thank God! Not everyone has musical talent, not everyone can play an instrument or dance but this Psalm doesn't say *anything* about talent. It's all about using music in anyway we can.

First, let's examine and reexamine our text. Use the box below to list all the ways in which the Psalmist instructs us to worship the Lord with music.



If you're like me, you could find many different ways to worship God with music. You could sing, dance, write a song, play a lyre (a type of harp, pictured to the left) or tambourine. Psalms were written as poems or songs to be sung by the people. Singing, dancing, and playing instruments have made worshipping God a wonderful and joyful experience for thousands of years! Think about our worship service that happened on September 6, 2020. What instruments did you see played? What songs did you hear? Who was singing? Did you sing along?

Today we're going to study a hymn that is based on this Psalm. It's called "Oh Sing to the Lord" or in Spanish "Cantad al Señor." It is a beautiful Brazilian folk song you might recognize from worship yesterday!

## “Oh Sing to the Lord/Cantad al Señor”

Oh, Sing to the Lord, oh sing God a new song,  
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song,  
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.

For God is the Lord,  
and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord,  
and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord,  
and God has done wonders.

Oh sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets,  
and sing to our God, and sing to our God.

Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit,  
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit,  
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit,  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Did you notice how many words this hymn and our Psalm have in common? Both are about celebrating God with music and song!



Our weekly study is all about reading the Psalms in a new way and learning new things about Scripture. Today we're going to try adding a new verse to this hymn using Psalm 149.

So far this hymn encourages us to sing to God, dance for God, blow trumpets and shout to God who gave us the Holy Spirit.

What else could we include in this hymn?

Reread Psalm 149

What else is it encouraging us to do?

Play the lyre? Play the tambourine?

*Write your new verse to the hymn in the box below.*

## Closing prayer...

Dear God, thank you for giving us music and song. We are so grateful to you for all you have done for us. Thank you for dancing, singing, hymns and songs. Hear our prayers and hear our songs of praise to you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.