

PSALM 149

This is a psalm of joy and gratitude for Israel's victory over their heathen enemies, by which they were taught never to trust in their own strength but in Yahweh, who alone is mighty to save. But some commentators, like Spurgeon, believe this psalm, or "new song," is intended for the new creation and for men with a "new heart," and is such a song as may be sung at the coming of the Lord. But let us not take such liberty with the sacred word. It is clearly stated here that Israel is called upon to praise Yahweh their God. Why? Because he takes pleasure in them, his chosen people. And Yahweh will continue to watch over the Jewish nation, executing judgment on Israel's enemies, as prophesied and written down by the prophets, until Jesus returns to set up his millennial kingdom.

- 1 Praise YAHWEH! Sing to YAHWEH a new song,
and His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.
- 2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King.
- 3 Let them praise His name with dancing;
let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre.
- 4 For YAHWEH takes pleasure in His people;
He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.

- 5 Let the godly ones exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- 6 *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand,
- 7 to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- 9 to execute on them the judgment written; this is an honor for all His godly ones.
Praise YAHWEH!

PRAYER

O Yahweh our God, you are ever faithful to the covenant you made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Israel shall never be destroyed, but will one day soon recognize Jesus their Messiah when he comes to earth again, this time in power and great glory. Then will Jews and Gentiles worship you in unity of spirit, singing praises to Jesus the Messiah, who washed us from our sins in his own blood. Never again will be slothful in serving you, never again languid in worshiping you, and never again fearful that our deceitful hearts will lead us astray. We praise you Yahweh, our triune God. Amen.