

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: November 18, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Psalm 150: 1-6
Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire... for Resources in Thanksgiving	



What are the appropriate ways to express our thanks in worship to God? Also what may we employ in giving thanks to the all-gracious Creator-God? Psalm 150 coming as it is at the end of the Book of Psalms, is a fitting summons to praise God:

- ▲ in the places He inhabits
- ▲ for the primacy He indicates
- ▲ for the potpourri (variety) He initiates

Verse 1 seems to beg the question, where should we praise God? Answer – in the:

- Congregation (1a)
- Celestial realms (1b)

This is a call to engage all who are aware of His presence, which demands Praises which Ties Earth and Heaven. There must be a linking of the Realms in our Thanksgiving.

Why praise God? This seems to be the question posed in verse 2. Answer – for His: demonstration (2a) and distinction (2b). This is a call to engage all who are aware of His power. This demands Praises which are a Parade of Talents because the fact is that there must be a Reflection of the Resources in our Thanksgiving.

How should we praise God? Verses 3-6 suggest we praise with that which calls others to:

- Listening Ears (3)
- Loosened Exaltations (4)
- Loud Expressions (5)
- Life Epitomizing Activity (6)

This is a call to engage all who are able to present anything to God. Participation of the Thankful is needed because there must be Resonance in our Thanksgiving.

We ought to be blessing God with all that is within us, as well as all that which can be called out from others. Let us therefore reach deep within us, and wide around us for resources to give thanks to God.