

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: July 1, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Psalm 150:1-6
Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire... For Living in a Nation of Great Freedom - Expression	



Does the church place limits on herself which are not from The Lord? Organizations tend to have a path ranging from creativity on through consolidation and into conservatism. Without continual renewal an organization can lose its focus and become dreary. Has the church in America and has Parkway Baptist in particular, made the best use of the freedoms we celebrate as a nation, to renew her life and refresh her worship?

Psalm 150 is a call to praise God:

- ✦ in the spaces He occupies
- ✦ for the strength He displays
- ✦ with variety of sounds & steps
- ✦ with the life He supplies

This psalm calls for **movement**, **music** and **memory** to celebrate the greatness and grace of God. It is also a call to grasp the magnitude of God and the motivation that should be present in offering praise to God.

In verses 1a and 6b, we see the Refrain of Praise, which is a call for the Proper Chorus. This should cause to Heed the call to Praise The Lord because God's Praise is for Always.

The Reach of Praise is looked at in verses 1b and 1c, as seen in the:

- ✓ Sanctuary - dedicated place
- ✓ Heavens - demonstrative place

This is a call for Proper Coverage which should cause us to Herald the glory of The Lord. The fact is that God's Praise is to be Announced.

Verse 2 gives us the Reason for Praise, namely His:

- ✓ Actions (2a)
- ✓ Attributes (2b)

Proper Celebration is the call here because we should Honor the greatness of The Lord. God's Praise is to be Acknowledged.

The Resources for Praise are highlighted in verses 3-5, namely by:

- ✓ Summoning – trumpet (3a)
- ✓ Soothing – harp & lyre (3b)
- ✓ Striking – tambourine & dancing (4a)
- ✓ Sublime - strings & flute (4b)
- ✓ Shocking – cymbals (5)

This is a call for the Proper Compliments. We need to Harness All for the Praise of the Lord because God's Praise is to be Attractive.

"All that has been given life!" This is who is Required to Praise according to verse 6. The Proper Commitment is needed which requires that all be Holy for the Praise of The Lord. God's Praise is to be All-Inclusive.

It is our Lord's desire that praises offered to Him be filled with **vitality**, **vigor**, **variety** and **value**. Let us therefore engage our all to offer to God the highest praise.