



Change My World

*Let everything with
breath praise the Lord.*

Psalm 150

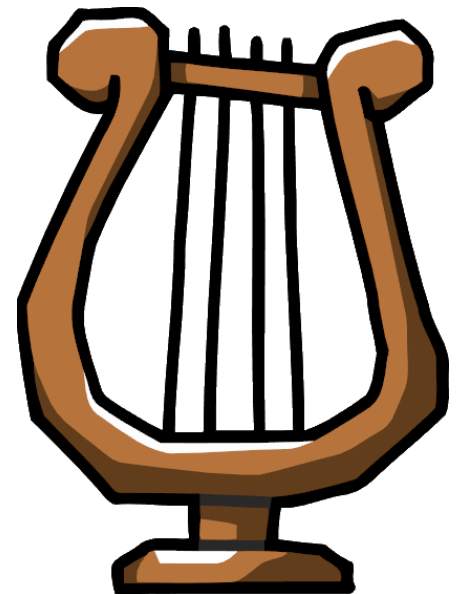
What do the following have in common?

(in PBob's strange brain anyway)

- The HGTV series, ***Good Bones***.
- ***Thirst***, the biography of founder of Charity Water, Scott Harrison.
- ***Les Miserables***, the Broadway musical.
- The 2020 **Cincinnati Reds** (hopefully).

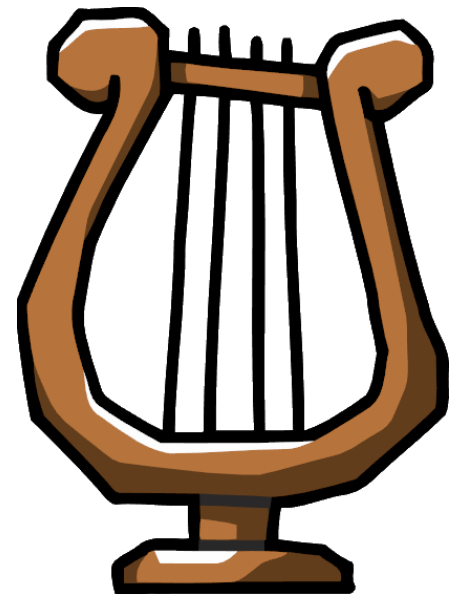
Psalm 1

- An introduction to the Book of Psalms
- Fee & Stuart (*How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*): Psalms teaches us how to relate to God in every page of life.
- Mourning, celebration, anger, betrayal, ecstasy, confusion, wisdom, guilt, outrage, despair, forgiveness, joy, renewal—all find God in the psalms.



Psalm 150

- A conclusion to the Book of Psalms.
- After learning to center human experiences —mourning, celebration, anger, betrayal, ecstasy, confusion, wisdom, guilt, despair, forgiveness, renewal—in the knowledge of God with the psalms, what next?
- **Is personal wellness enough for a follower of Jesus?**
- Personal experience becomes vision; vision becomes a prayer and a plan of action.



What is **PRAISE**?

- A kind of song we sing.
- A God-ward *Thank You* note.
- Something done before you ask God for stuff— A C T S .
- Words.
- Infectious delight in God.

Isaiah 29:13, *NIV*

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught."

Can acceptable praise be just **our words**?

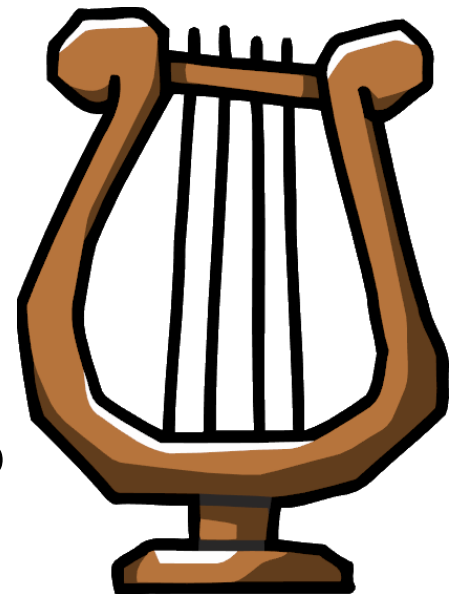


Praise the Lord.

*Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens....*

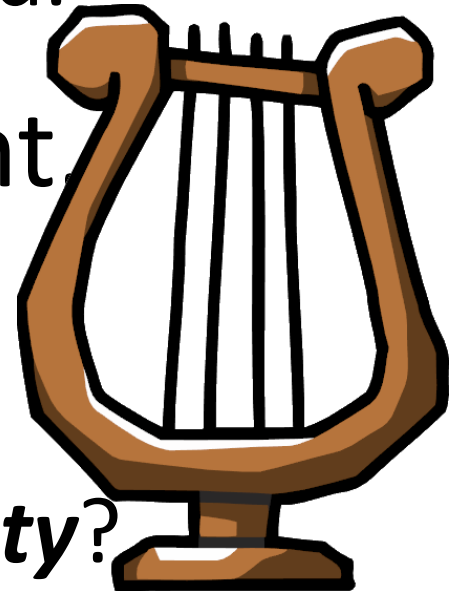
the imperative to praise

- ❖ One measure of the depth of our spiritual need is **we must be told to praise God.**
 - ✓ “Be sure to say ‘Wow!’ when the Hubble pictures are shown.”
 - ✓ “Say ‘Wow!’ at the Grand Canyon.”
 - ✓ “Say ‘Wow!’ at the end of the Hallelujah Chorus.”
 - ✓ When do you say “Wow!” spontaneously?



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- ❖ His sanctuary—temple or heaven?
 - ✓ Either/or is better as both/and!
 - ✓ Too often our earthly Temple is me-centered.
- ❖ *Mighty heavens*—expanse, firmament
 - ✓ *The heavens are telling the glory of God.*
 - ✓ Creation is rich with reasons for praise.
 - ✓ How did they know the heavens were *mighty*?





Praise the Lord ...

*Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

the **contemplation** *of praise*

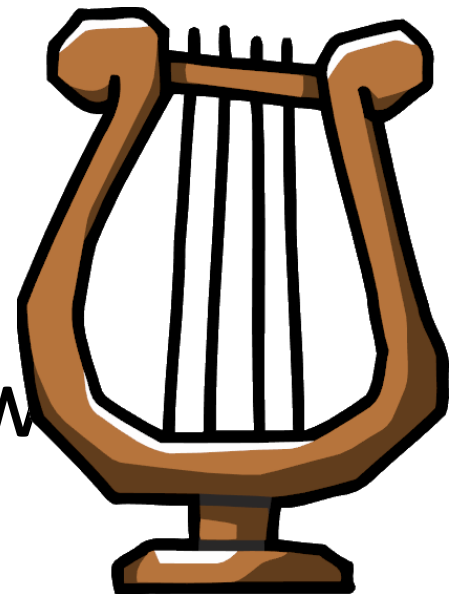
❖ “Way to go on those mighty acts, God!”

✓ Maybe God says, “Thanks! Which ones?”

✓ “Excellent greatness”—something way beyond an “excellent adventure.”

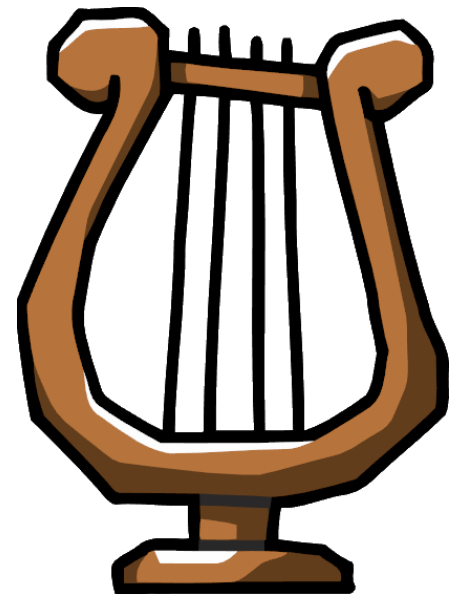
✓ Greatness that exceeds all we know.

❖ God is **knowable**, yet **unknowable** (**ineffable**: exceeding our ability to know exhaustively).



the **contemplation** *of praise*

- ❖ **Make a list**, starting with creation.
 - ✓ What else would your list include?
 - ✓ Acts of God in your own life count too!
 - ✓ What can **you learn** about God from his “mighty acts?”
- ❖ **Say “Wow!” a lot.**





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*Praise him with tambourine and dance;
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*Praise him with sounding cymbals;
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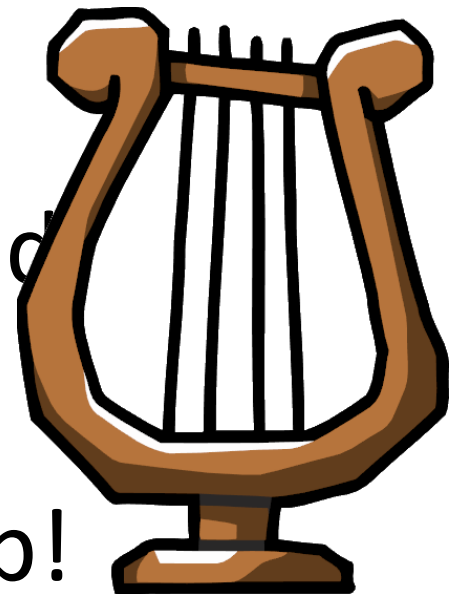
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the **explosion** *of praise*

- ❖ An array of expressions of joyful worship.
- ❖ A dynamic range of sounds and volumes with the instruments indicated.
- ❖ Trumpets from a trumpet vine? All instruments described are man-made, generally played together, and most typically with composed music or agreed upon rules.
- ❖ “The Arts” –expressions of creativity, passion, and vision—perfect for worship!



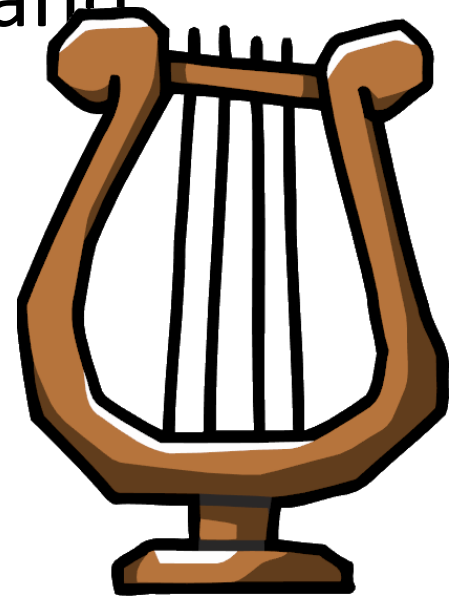


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the **universe** *of praise*

- ❖ God as Maker and Sustainer and Redeemer deserves admiration/worship from everyone who benefits from God's actions.
- ✓ Who is left out? Those who **do not know** and those who **refuse the knowledge** given.
- ✓ We can **live, tell,** and **pray** his praise.
- ❖ This awareness of God's wonder fuels the Great Commission. "God is great and greatly to be praised."





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Jeremiah 29:13, *NIV*

*You will seek me and find me
when you seek me
with all your heart.*



Where is His
praise right
now?



*Grandpa,
can we get a
new game?*

