

DIGGING DEEPER Psalm 149 – Praise the God of Salvation & Judgement

PLEASE READ – Psalm 149

GETTING STARTED

Does it feel strange to praise the God of judgement? If so, why?

Remember where we left off in Psalm 148v14 – praising God for the 'horn' of our salvation. The 'horn' is picture of Jesus, our all-conquering King. Chat about what an conquering King does...

1) PRAISE THE GOD OF ... SALVATION (v1-5)

Why does the Psalmist encourage us to sing a new song? See also Psalm 40v1-3...

Chat about the appeal in v2-3 and how it should apply to us today...

When you think about the sinful nature of mankind – how does God ever delight in his people? (v4). Consider also the words of God the Father at the baptism of Jesus (Luke 3v21-22)

What is 'this honour' that the Psalmist is speaking about in v5?

2) PRAISE THE GOD OF... JUDGEMENT (v6-9)

In what ways has v6 been wrongly applied through the ages?

What is the 'sword' in view and how do we know? See also Heb 4v12-13 and Rev 1v14-16

The bible here (v6-9) is using physical language to make a spiritual point. How then as Christians, do we arm ourselves for battle? See Ephesians 6v10-17...

What do **you** need to remember most when it comes to fighting the good fight of faith?

Discuss the quote below...

"The greatest battle in the Christian life is to rest in the right place"

Meditate on the words of Jesus below...

John 18v11: Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"