

# PRAISE THE GOD OF SALVATION & JUDGEMENT

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  - Judgement (v6-9)

#### Psalm 148...

V14: And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

V1: Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

"As long as God is gracious toward us, as long as he keeps showing us his power, and wowing us with his works, it is fitting that we not just sing old songs inspired by his past grace, but also that we sing new songs inspired by his future grace."

Rev 5v9: And they sang a new song, saying:

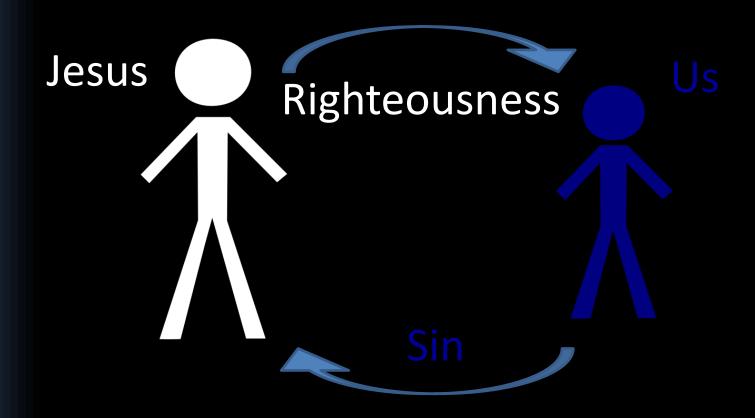
'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.'

- **V2-3:** Let Israel <u>rejoice</u> in their Maker; let the people of Zion be <u>glad</u> in their King.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them **praise** his name with **dancing** and **make music** to him with tambourine and harp.

**V4:** For the LORD takes delight in his people;

he crowns the humble with **victory**.

The Joyful Exchange...



V5: Let his faithful people rejoice in this honour and sing for joy on their beds.

### 2) Praise the God – of Judgement

**V6:** May the **praise of God** be in their mouths

and a **double-edged sword** in their hands...



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Heb 4v12: For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

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Rev 1v14-16: The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword.

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**V10-11:** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes

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**V12:** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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V13: Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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**V14-15:** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

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V16-17: In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the <u>sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God</u>.

- Our battle isn't against flesh and blood
- What people need most is the gospel