



The Celebration

Lesson 6 • Psalm 149

The HALLELUJAH DOXOLOGY: <i>Called to Praise the LORD!</i>				
<i>The CHOICE</i>	<i>The CAUSES</i>	<i>The CENTER</i>	<i>The CELEBRATION</i>	<i>The CONSUMMATION</i>
Psalm 146	Psalm 147	Psalm 148	Psalm 149	Psalm 150

What Do Weddings and Warfare Have in Common?

Psalm 149 calls Yahweh's beautiful Bride to **CELEBRATE** her bloody bridegroom's **CONQUEST** over the nations!

- Psalm 149 **parallels** Psalm 147 in many ways. [Chiasm]

Ps 146 **The CHOICE**
 Ps 147 **The CAUSES**
 Ps 148 **The CENTER**
 Ps 149 **The CELEBRATION**
 Ps 150 **The CONSUMMATION**

In Psalm 149 the *ultimate cause* for praise has become a reality: A **WEDDING** and a **WAR** to end all wars!

- Psalm 149 **builds on** Psalm 148 by really "kicking praise up a notch" - **BAM!**

- Psalm 149 **picks up** where Psalm 148 left off with Yahweh's **LOYAL LOVERS!**

His "godly ones" or "saints" or "faithful ones" of Yahweh!

Beautiful Bride	"HALLELUJAH!"	<i>From beginning to end and everything in between!</i>
	COMMANDS to Praise (v. 1b)	ENJOY: Sing to Yahweh a NEW SONG in the congregation of His LOYAL LOVERS.
	CENTER of Praise (vv. 2-3)	EXALT: Let them praise their MAKER and their KING with joyful song and dance!
Bloody Groom	CAUSES for Praise (v. 4)	<i>Yahweh will DELIGHT to BEAUTIFY His BRIDE with final salvation!</i>
	CENTER of Praise (v. 5)	EXULT: Let His LOYAL LOVERS sing of His final victory on their beds!
	CENTER of Praise (vv. 6-9)	EXECUTE: Let His LOYAL LOVERS carry out His final judgment on the nations as predicted!
	"HALLELUJAH!"	<i>For the HONOR of HELPING our BRIDEGROOM ESTABLISH His kingdom on earth!</i>

- Psalm 149 is the **END TIMES** (eschatological) *celebration* by the Beautiful Bride because the *final conquest* by her Bloody Bridegroom has been won!

Here Comes the Beautiful Bride with Her Bloody Bridegroom!

1. The Bride's **PREPARATION** with Exaltation. (1-4)

"Hallelujah! [Praise Yahweh!]"

- The Bride **ENJOYS** singing a new song to her Maker and King. (vv. 1-3)

1. She sings a **new song** because final salvation has fully come.

The new creation calls for a new song of greater rejoicing, more dancing, and loud shouting!

2. She sings to **joyfully exalt** those who saved her rather than exalting herself. Ps 100:1-3; Isaiah 54:4-8; 2Chronicles 2:12

- Yahweh **BEAUTIFIES** His bride with His final salvation. (v. 4)

Psalm 147:6, 10-11; Isaiah 61:10-11

Word Picture: Making a bridal gown for the wedding day! *Revelation 19:7-8*

2. The Bride's **ANTICIPATION** with Exultation. (vv. 5-6)

- The bride **EXULTS** in anticipation of their triumphant union. (v. 5a)
- The bride **MEDITATES** on her bed with a song and sword. (vv. 5b-6)

Word Picture: Looking forward to and anticipating the **Bridal Suite** on the first night of the honeymoon! *Revelation 19:11-16*

3. The Bride's **COOPERATION** in Execution with Her Bloody Bridegroom. (vv. 6-9)

- The bride cooperates in executing His *divine* **JUDGMENT**. (v. 6)

1. This judgment is done to the *unbelieving, rebel nations*.

Back to **Psalm 2!**

2. This judgment is done *according to God's prophetic Word*.

Back to **Psalms 1 + 119 + 147 & 148!**

3. This judgment is done *while singing high praises* to her holy God.

Back to **Psalm 148** and **Yahweh's NAME!**

Objection: Heaven can't be heaven as long as there's a **hell**, therefore, there can't be an eternal hell and all must be saved.

But Revelation 6:9-11 Reminds Us What People in Heaven Are "Unhappy" About!

- People in heaven are **not unhappy** because there is a hell, but they are **unsatisfied** until **God's justice has been executed** on the earth against His enemies and theirs for all eternity.
- People in heaven will **not** be sad because of **who is NOT there**, but they will be **forever joyful** because of **who IS there**: God's presence dwelling with God's people in God's place for all eternity! *Revelation 21:1-8*
- Now is the time to **lament and weep** over **lost people going to hell** and the **unreached who have never heard!** But **ONE DAY** when every tear is wiped away – **every loyal lover of Yahweh will sing with HIGH PRAISE that His FINAL, ETERNAL JUDGMENT has come!**

- The bride is **HONORED** to cooperate with His *final judgment*. (vv. 7-9a)

Word Picture: The Marriage Supper where Bride and Groom have their cake and eat it too! *Revelation 19:9-10, 17-21*

The Beautiful Bride Celebrates Her Bloody Bridegroom's Final Conquest at the Second Coming!

The Bloody Bridegroom says: "Behold, I am coming quickly!" *Revelation 22:12-13*

The Beautiful Bride says: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" *Revelation 22:17, 20*

Are You a Loyal Lover of Yahweh?

If so, *prepare, anticipate, and praise* Him for your final salvation as His Beautiful Bride!

Are You Ready to Cooperate with our Bloody Bridegroom's Final Judgment?

If so, *kick your praise up a notch and BAM: Walk, worship, and witness like His loyal lover!*

"HALLELUJAH!"