

Text: Psalms 149

**I. Why do we worship?**

*Luke 19:40 "I tell you," He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*

The Power in Praise (Psalm 149:7-9):

A. *to inflict vengeance on the nations*

B. *and punishment on the peoples,*

C. *to bind their kings with fetters,*

D. *their nobles with shackles of iron,*

E. *to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all His saints.*

## II. How do we worship?

In Psalms 34:1-3, David provides for us a model of what this looks like:

- A. We worship God **WILLINGLY** (I will bless the Lord at all times...). Worship is a free-will offering to God!
- B. We worship God **CONTINUALLY** (...His praise will always be on my lips.) There is never an inappropriate time for worship. (See 2 Chronicles 20:18-21)
- C. We worship God **PERSONALLY** (My soul will make its boast in the Lord...).
- D. We worship God **CORPORATELY** (O magnify the Lord with Me and let us exalt His name together). We are meant to worship God with others.
- E. We worship the Lord **CREATIVELY**.

*Psalms 149:1-5 Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with tambourine and harp. For the Lord takes delight in His people; He crowns the humble with salvation. Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.*