

## Psalm 149

<sup>1</sup> Everyone, "Praise the LORD!" You might be asking who is this LORD? He is Jesus Christ, the Messiah!<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to Him in the assembly of all of those who believe in Him as their own personal Savior, and be sure to <sup>2</sup> encourage all Israel to recognize Him as their Messiah. When they do, they will be happy that He is their Maker and King. <sup>3</sup> Encourage them to praise His name with dancing accompanied by an orchestra of instruments. <sup>4</sup> Yes, praise Him in this manner because the LORD takes great pleasure in His children. In fact, He will not only claim as His own those who are poor, humble, and afflicted, but He will beautify them with salvation from their sins and deliverance from their troubles.

<sup>5</sup> Yes, encourage the godly ones of Israel to be happy in the LORD, and bless His holy name. Then let them shout joyful praises of thanksgiving to Him on their beds. <sup>6</sup> Encourage them to speak the heavenly praises of God with their own mouth, and at the same time have them carry a loaded and ready weapon in their right hand. <sup>7</sup> That way they will be ready and able to be instruments of the LORD to punish the nations for the evil deeds they have done against both Israel and the LORD Himself. <sup>8</sup> These soldiers of the LORD will handcuff the kings of nations who are hostile toward Israel and put their noble people in shackles. <sup>9</sup> In doing so, they will fulfill the judgment prophesied in the Scriptures through the prophets. Being used of the LORD in this way is a real honor for all of His godly ones of Israel, so praise the LORD with us!

<sup>1</sup> In John 14:6, Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father, but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ" has been used for "LORD."