

One of King David's admirable qualities was an exceptional drive to praise his God before the people of his nation. He was a master at it and did it with words, harp, and songs. Most of the people of his day were familiar with the God of the Jews, and the praises David sang were an encouragement for others to praise God with him. Such is not the case in our day. Many of the people today know little, if anything, about Jesus Christ. We may even have to explain to them who Christ is. Nonetheless, we should praise the Lord and bring glory to His name by any means we have at our disposal. If you can sing, do it to His glory; if you can play an instrument, play it to His glory; if you cannot do either, lift your voice and shout praises to the name of the Lord. The question is - will you do it?

The following is a paraphrase of David's final encouragement as he closes the book of Psalms.

## **Psalm 150**

<sup>1</sup>Taking into account all that I have learned during my life, I encourage you to boast about our great God, Jesus Christ, the Messiah<sup>1</sup>.

### ***What should be said***

Boast about His glory down here on the earth;

Boast about His glory up in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Boast about all the great and wonderful things He has done; and  
Boast about the great and wonderful God that He is.

### ***What should be played***

<sup>3</sup> Praise Him with musical instruments that can be blown;

<sup>4</sup> Praise Him with musical instruments that can be plucked; and

<sup>5</sup> Praise Him with musical instruments that have keys or that can be hit with a stick.

### ***What should be sung***

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to Him with your voice, and let every living thing do so.

In conclusion, I want to leave you with this thought:

Praise the Lord audibly in every place and in every situation!

<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, the Messiah" has been used for "Lord."