

Praise Psalms

1. Terminology

*Psalms of Descriptive Praise, General Praise, Hymns

2. Identifying Marks: the call to praise

***Ps.95:1-2**

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

***Ps.96:1-3**

¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

***Ps.98:1**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song!

***Ps.100:1-2**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

***Ps.103:1**

O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

***Ps.113:1**

Praise the LORD
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

3. Form / Components

Call to Praise

Reason/Cause

Conclusion / Renewed Call to Praise

4. Samples

***Ps.117**

***Call** to Praise

¹ Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

***Reason** for Praise

² **For** great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

***Renewed** Call to Praise

Praise the LORD!

***Ps.96**

***Call to Praise**

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

***Reason for praise**

- 4 **For** great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

***Call to Praise**

- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- 9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

***Reason for Praise**

- 10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

***Call to Praise**

- 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- 12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

***Reason for Praise**

- 13 before the LORD, **for** he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

***Ps.98**

***Call to Praise**

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

***Reason for Praise**

- for** he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- 2 The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

***Call to Praise**

- 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
8 Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

***Reason for Praise**

- 9 before the LORD, **for** he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

***Ps.103**

***Call to Praise**

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

***Reason for praise**

- 3 **who** forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed. . . .

***Renewed Call to Praise**

- 20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
22 Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

5. Call to Praise
Commanded

Enthusiastic

***Ps.81**

- 1 Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
2 Raise a song;
sound the tambourine,

the sweet lyre with the harp.
3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our feast day.

Universal

***Ps.117**

1 Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

***Ps.100:1**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

***Ps.66**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth

***Ps.96**

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

6. Reason for Praise

***Ps.117**

1 Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
2 For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

***Ps.103** (see your own Bible for this longer psalm)

7. Renewed Call to Praise / Conclusion

***Ps.117** (one more time)

1 Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
2 For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!