

"All People Praise God"

Introduction

Remaining faithful through difficult times can be challenging. And maintaining hope in a world that is seemingly on a downward spiral is not easy. But if we persevere through these moments of crises, we can assure our place in the heavenly worship chorus.

Today's Lesson Objectives

- **Understand** how God's salvation and justice for all people inspires praise and worship
- **Embrace** the significance of praising God in unity
- **Respond** to God's love, goodness, and grace with joy and exaltation

Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17 (KJV)

Devotional Reading:
Revelation 1:1-8

About Today's Lesson...

As we continue this week with our series on "Celebrating God", it is imperative that we remember that we were created to worship and praise God. In the first unit of this series, we examined the praise of God's people through the likes of Moses and Miriam, David, blind Bartimaeus, and through the actions of new converts in the early church. In the second unit of this series, we explored various ways to praise God using psalms. We learned to make a joyful noise unto the LORD with singing, dancing, and with instruments. We learned that all people should praise God. For the Bible tells us in Psalm 150:6 (KJV), "Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." And now as we begin the third and final unit for this quarter, we direct our attention to "visions of praise".

In today's lesson, taken from the Book of Revelation, we find that the apostle John has been exiled to the island of Patmos (a small Greek island in the Aegean Sea). John has been exiled to this island by Roman authorities because of his devout ministry promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ. While on the island, John experiences a Revelation from Jesus Christ. Within this prophetic Revelation, John is allowed to look in on a heavenly worship service. And his vision of this worship service was spectacular. A multitude of people in white robes (too many to number) stood before the throne and before the Lamb. The people joyously worshiped and praised both God and the Lamb. All the angels soon joined the people in this glorious celebration.

One day, we will forever enjoy the presence of God. One day, we will enjoy God's eternal blessings. And one day, God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. Until that day, live a life that is pleasing to God. Until that day, maintain your hope and faith in Christ Jesus - for the time is at hand. All people praise God!

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