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Psalm 149

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The God Who Will Not Be Conquered

These last five Psalms ([Psalms 146-150](#)) are called "Hallelujah Psalms" because they begin and end with that expression: "Praise – Jehovah," or "Hallelujah." The author, date, and setting of each Psalm are undetermined, but their acceptance is unquestioned.

Verses 1-5 call for God's People to praise Him for victory;
Verses 6-9 call for praise and defeat of their enemies.

Verses 1-5: (**Verse 1**) "A new song" indicates a "new heart," celebrating a "new victory," and a "new life." "The assembly of the saints" is a worship service, where "God is greatly to be feared" ([Psalm 89:7](#)). In America, every time there is disaster, trouble, destruction, criminal death, or missing person, there is some candlelight "coming together." When Peter was kept in prison with the intent of killing him, the church of Christ gathered for prayer ([Acts 12:12](#)), not candles! (**Verse 2**) The people, Israel, especially their religious center, Zion, should rejoice with (**verse 3**) "dance" and "timbrel and harp," just as their forefathers had done when God parted the Red Sea for them to escape Egypt and be their own Nation ([Exodus 14:21-15:21](#)).

(**Verse 4**) God's "pleasure" is in His People, who develop beautiful, spiritual character.

(**Verse 5**) "Saints" should be joyful, even on "their beds," formerly places of sorrow.

Verses 6-9: (**Verse 6**) While praising God with their "mouth," "And a two-edged sword in their hand." This sounds like the Israelites re-building the wall of Jerusalem when they were returned to their Promised Land ([Nehemiah 4:17](#)). Apparently, there was no "gun control" then! A dis-armed people can do nothing against the enemies of God!

(**Verse 7**) "Bearing the sword" in "vain" (meaninglessly), or using the power of the sword against "good works," violates God's intended purpose for "governing authorities" ([Romans 13:1-5](#)). Today, Christians are to praise God while Government uses the sword to be "God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil" ([Romans 13:4](#)).

(**Verse 8**) God's government, acting as His minister, defeats evil.

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(Verse 9) God’s “judgment” in writing was: “When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them *and* utterly destroy them.

You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them” ([Deuteronomy 7:1-2](#)). Today, the “sword of the Spirit” in a Christian hand, “is the word of God” ([Ephesians 6:17](#)), and the “nations,” “peoples,” “kings,” and “nobles” must be conquered by teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)). Since Jesus Christ established His spiritual kingdom on Earth in the 1st Century, there has been NO “Christian carnal war” waged against Muslims, Jews, or anyone else, for that matter, and therefore NO justification for persecuting the churches of Christ! All of those who persecute Christians, even to death, are persecuting Jesus (Acts 9:1-5), and, unless they repent, He will damn them forever ([2 Thessalonians 1:3-10](#))!

“Praise the LORD!”

