
Praise

Scripture Companion | Elevation Worship

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— Psalm 150:6 (NIV)*

These scriptures accompany the worship song Praise by Elevation Worship. From Psalm 150 to the walls of Jericho, from Paul and Silas at midnight to David dancing before the Ark, this song draws from the great praise traditions of Scripture. Use this guide for personal devotion, small group study, or worship preparation.

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD

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The final verse of the final Psalm — the sweeping, all-encompassing call that opens and closes this song.

Genesis 2:7 (NIV)

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Every breath is borrowed from the One who first breathed life into humanity.

Psalm 146:1-2 (NIV)

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason — praise that endures for a lifetime.

PRAISE IN THE VALLEY AND ON THE MOUNTAIN

Psalm 42:5 (NIV)

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.

Praise when doubting — the Psalmist commands his own soul back toward God.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NIV)

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food... yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.

Though. Yet. Still. The most radical praise endures when there is nothing outwardly to celebrate.

Job 1:21 (NIV)

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.

Job's praise in the valley of total loss — the model of unconditional worship.

PRAISE WHEN SURROUNDED — WORSHIP AS WARFARE

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (NIV)

After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendour of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army... As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men.

Praise when outnumbered and surrounded — God fought the battle as His people worshipped.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Praise is a weapon — more than a sound, it carries divine power.

Acts 16:25-26 (NIV)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

Praise at midnight, in chains — and the prison doors flew open. Praise is the water enemies drown in.

THE SHOUT THAT BRINGS JERICOH DOWN

Joshua 6:20 (NIV)

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed.

No battering rams. No siege weapons. A shout of obedient praise — and the walls fell flat.

Hebrews 11:30 (NIV)

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

The weapon was obedience. The instrument was sound. The power was God's.

Exodus 15:2 (NIV)

The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him.

The Song of Moses after the enemy drowned — praise follows God's deliverance through the waters.

I WON'T BE QUIET — MY GOD IS ALIVE

Luke 19:40 (NIV)

'I tell you,' he replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'

Silence before the living God is not an option — creation itself will worship if humanity refuses.

Romans 1:4 (NIV)

Who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

A dead god would be worth remembering quietly. A risen God demands a different response entirely.

REASONS TO PRAISE — SOVEREIGN, RISEN, FAITHFUL

Psalm 103:19 (NIV)

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise 'cause You're sovereign, praise 'cause You reign — His rule is total and eternal.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (NIV)

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?'

Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave — the resurrection is the hinge of all Christian praise.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Praise 'cause You're faithful — renewed every morning, consistent as the sunrise.

Isaiah 46:9 (NIV)

I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You — no comparison, no competition, no rival.

PRAISE WITH DANCING AND GRATITUDE

2 Samuel 6:14 (NIV)

David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the Lord with all his might.

The king of Israel danced before God — wholehearted, uninhibited, embodied praise.

Psalm 150:4 (NIV)

Praise him with timbrel and dancing.

Physical, joyful praise — including dance — is not cultural addition but Scriptural command.

Colossians 3:16-17 (NIV)

Sing psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gratitude and praise are woven together — if you're grateful, let it show.

As long as you're breathing, you've got a reason. Praise the Lord, oh my soul.

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