

Praise Him!

Revelation 5:11-13; 7:9-17 (see also Psalm 84:1-4; Psalm 100; Psalm 150);
The Great Controversy, pp. 649, 671; *Early Writings*, pp. 13-20

What is your favorite song that tells about God's love? How do you feel when you sing it? When we get to heaven, we will sing our favorite songs to praise God. What song will you sing? Who will sing with you?

Heaven is full of happiness and songs of praise to God. Everyone loves God so much, they just want to praise Him. The angels love Him. The people Jesus brought back from the earth are so happy to be there. And people from other worlds all join their voices in praise.

One special group praises God more than any other. They are called the remnant. *Remnant* means the rest or the part that remains. These are the people who were alive

and waiting for Jesus when He came to earth the second time.

The remnant is special because God's enemies—Satan and his followers on earth—tried to make them stop worshiping God. But the remnant remained faithful. Just before Jesus came to take them to heaven, they felt very lonely. But like Jesus, the remnant believed God loved them. So they continued to wait for Jesus to come.

Now that they are in heaven, the remnant give special praises to Jesus. They stand in front of His throne so they can praise Him all the time. They praise Him with their harps and other instruments. They sing praise songs. The Bible promises that God will teach them a special song. A song that only they will be

able to sing because they were faithful until Jesus came. Just think! God has written a special song for those who are faithful to Him!

The remnant praise Him because they know bad things won't happen anymore. They praise Him because they know how good God is. They praise God because He sent Jesus to die for their sins. They praise Jesus because He lived and



The Message

We will sing songs of praise to God now and throughout eternity.

Memory Verse

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs”
(Psalm 100:1, 2, NIV).

died for them. They join with all of creation to sing, “Let everything praise the Lord.”

Yes, we can praise God on earth today. The Bible tells us that we are not alone in praising God. Thousands of angels worship God all the time. Their favorite song is about Jesus, God’s gift of grace to the world. They sing, “Worthy is the Lamb who died for people’s sins. He receives power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (See Revelation 5:12.)

The angels and others are waiting for us to get to heaven. They want us to join in their praise. But we don’t have to wait until we get there. We can praise God now. We can praise Him because Jesus died for our sins. We can praise Him because Jesus is coming back to take us home to heaven. We can praise Him for our parents, teachers, friends, and relatives. We can praise Him for our homes, food, and clothing. Think of other reasons to praise God. And sing your favorite praise song now!



S A B B A T H

DO If possible, go for a walk with your family. Name things you see for which to praise God. Stop and sing some praise songs.

DO When you get home, make a list of everyone's favorite praise songs. Plan to sing them during worship this week.

PRAY Thank God for the things you saw on your walk.

M O N D A Y

READ With your family, read and discuss Revelation 15:2, 3. Who is this special group of people? For what are they praising God? Ask your family: Why is this group called *the remnant*? Look up the word *remnant* in the dictionary. Tell your family what it means.

SING Sing a praise song together; then praise God because He will never leave His people alone.

W E D N E S D A Y

SING Teach your memory verse to your family. Sing some of your favorite praise songs.

READ During family worship read Psalm 100 again. Ask each family member to write a sentence of praise to put into a family psalm of praise. Make the first and last sentences say "Praise the Lord!" Put your family's sentences in the middle. Then read the psalm aloud. Put it where all can see it every day.

S U N D A Y

READ With your family, find the book of Revelation in the Bible. Look in the first chapter to discover who wrote it. Read and discuss Revelation 5:11, 12. How many angels does it say are praising God? What did they sing?

DO Pour some salt into a dish. Is it possible to count the grains? Could John have felt like that when he saw all the angels?

DRAW Draw an angel. Write your memory verse around the edge of your picture.

T U E S D A Y

DO Hold page 61 in front of a mirror and discover the name of someone in the Bible who wrote many songs of praise to God.

READ During family worship read and discuss Psalm 100. Find at least four words that tell something to praise God for.

ASK Ask each person to write a psalm of praise and share them.

DO Praise God that you have a Bible to read.

SING Sing praise songs from your family's list.

T H U R S D A Y

DRAW Draw a circle and make it into a happy face. Draw another circle and make it into a sad face. With your family make a list of reasons you have to be happy. Make another list of things that make you sad. Which do you want to get rid of?

READ Read Revelation 15:3 together. What is the name of the song that the remnant sings? Look up Exodus 15:1-18 and read Moses' song. When did he sing it? Can you think of a time when your family felt that God saved them?

PRAY Praise God for His protection.

F R I D A Y

SHARE Share your lesson with your family during worship. When it mentions "praise," stand up and clap your hands. Ask your family to do that too.

READ Read your family's psalm of praise together.

SING Sing some of your favorite praise songs together, and review your memory verse.

PRAY Praise God for the beginning of His special day—the Sabbath.

Music is a part of God's celebrations. Angels sang when Jesus was born, when He was raised from the dead, and when He returned to heaven.

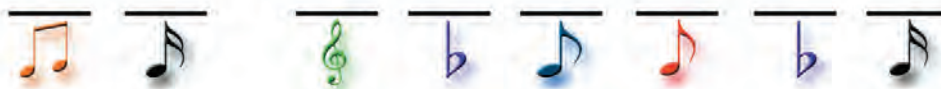


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Songs of Praise

PUZZLE

Directions: Match the symbols with the coded message to discover when you can sing praises to God.



A D E H I N O T V Y

