

O praise the Lord, praise him

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 135

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O praise the Lord praise him, praise him, praise him with one ac - cord:
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S. O praise him still all ye that be the ser - vants of the Lord.
A. O praise him still all ye that be the ser - vants of the Lord.
T. O praise him still all ye that be the ser - vants of the Lord.
B. O praise him still all ye that be the ser - vants of the Lord.

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S. O praise him ye that stand and be in the house of the Lord:
A. O praise him ye that stand and be in the house of the Lord:
T. O praise him ye that stand and be in the house of the Lord:
B. O praise him ye that stand and be in the house of the Lord:

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S. Ye of his court, and of his house, praise him with one ac - cord.
A. Ye of his court, and of his house, praise him with one ac - cord.
T. Ye of his court, and of his house, praise him with one ac - cord.
B. Ye of his court, and of his house, praise him with one ac - cord.

3. Praise ye the Lord for he is good,
sing praises to his name:
It is a comely and good thing
always to do the same.

4. For why? the Lord hath chose Jacob,
his very own you see:
So hath he chosen Israel,
his treasure for te be.

5. For this I know and am right sure,
the Lord is very great:
He is indeed above all Gods,
most easy to entreat.

6. For whatsoever pleased him,
all that full well he wrought:
In heav'n, in earth and in the sea,
which he hath fram'd of nought.

7. He lifts up clouds e'en from the earth
he makes lightnings and rain:
He bringeth forth the winds also,
he made nothing in vain.

8. He smote the first-born of each thing
in Egypt that took rest:
He spared there no living thing,
the man nor yet the beast.

Critical notes:

editorial natural added in Medius bar 5, note 10;
this setting is similar to the one of Psalms 77, 81 & 105;
text somewhat modernised.

9. He hath in thee shewed wonders great
 O Egypt void of vaunts:
 On Pharaoh thy cursed king,
 and his severe servants.
 10. He smote then many nations,
 and did great acts and things:
 He slew the great and mightiest
 and chiefest of their kings.

11. Sehon king of the Amorites,
 and Og king of Basan:
 He slew also the kingdoms all,
 that were of Canaan.
 12. And gave their land to Israel
 an heritage we see:
 To Israel his own people
 an heritage to be.

The second part.

13. Thy name O Lord shall still endure,
 and thy memory all:
 Throughout all generations,
 that are or ever shall.
 14. The Lord shall surely now avenge
 his people all indeed:
 And to his servants he will shew
 favor in time of need.

15. The Idols of the heathen are made,
 in all their coasts and lands:
 Of silver and of gold be they,
 the work e'en of men's hands.
 16. They have their mouths and cannot speak,
 and eyes and have no sight:
 They eke have ears, and hear nothing
 their mouths be breathless quite.

18. Wherefore they all are like to them
 that so doth set them forth:
 And likewise those that trust in them
 or think they be ought worth.
 19. O all ye house of Israel,
 see that ye praise the Lord:
 And ye that be of Aaron's house,
 praise him with one accord.

20. And ye that be of Levi's house,
 praise ye likewise the Lord:
 And all that stand in awe of him,
 praise him with one accord.
 21. And out of Sion sound his praise,
 the great praise of the Lord:
 Which dwelleth in Jerusalem,
 praise him with one accord.