

Praise the Lord

Ian MacPherson tells about traveling across England by train one hot Summer day. As the train rolled to a stop in a little village, he could hear someone outside shouting, "Praise! Praise! Praise!"

He learned later it was the conductor calling out the name of the local station, which was Praise.

MacPherson later commented to the conductor that it was a wonderful thing always to "live in praise!"

I don't know the name of the person who wrote Psalm 150, and I don't know the town in which he lived, but I know the kind of attitude in which he lived. 13 times in the six verses of the Psalm, the grateful Psalmist speaks of praise. I don't know who this brother was, but he had a grateful heart.

Today we need a grateful heart. If we would live in an attitude of praise, it would make life sweeter and better for us.

Pause here and take time to read Psalm 150 in your Bible. It will not take long, and then I want to share with you four things about a grateful heart.

First, a grateful heart finds someone to whom to give thanks.

This Psalmist reminds us at Thanksgiving time that there is someone to whom to give thanks each day. In each of these six verses, he names the one to give thanks to: "Praise the Lord." Each of verses 2-5 begins, "Praise Him," and verse 6

closes: "Praise ye the Lord." There is someone behind your good fortune and your blessings. It is not Lady Luck, nor a rabbit's foot or horoscope. The one behind your good fortune is the Heavenly Father. He is the one to whom to give thanks.

Second, a grateful heart finds some place to give thanks. The Psalmist found his place of thanksgiving: "In His sanctuary ... in the firmament of His power" (verse 1).

Any place is an appropriate place in which to give thanks, but there is an appropriate place that has been provided: It is the house of God. "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name" (verse 4).

Third, a grateful heart has something for which to give thanks. Governor Bradford and those first pilgrims had something for which to be grateful. They were in a new land, and a new life was before them. Despite their severe losses and great hardships, they set aside a time for thanksgiving. They had something for which to give thanks.

In verse 2 he sang: "Praise him for his mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness." Regardless of how difficult our way may be, there is always something for which to give thanks.

Finally, a grateful heart will find some way in which to give thanks. The Psalmist

was so grateful that he found many ways in which to show his thanksgiving. In verses 3, 4, 5 he shows the different ways he praised God: the trumpet, the lyre, the harp, tambourine and dancing, stringed instruments and flutes, cymbals. The Psalmist was simply showing us that, when the heart is grateful, it will find ways to thank God for His blessings. We can do this by trusting Christ as our Savior and living obediently before Him. We can do it by serving in various ways. We can do it by the study of His Word, daily having communion with Him in prayer. We do it by sharing Christ's love with others. The grateful heart will find a way in which to give thanks.

Dr. A. J. Cronin tells of a doctor he knew who prescribed a "Thank you cure" for his frustrated and emotionally disturbed patients. When Dr. Cronin could find no physical symptoms, he would prescribe that the patients would say "Thank You" for six weeks when anyone did them a favor. According to Dr. Cronin, he had a good cure rate. The patients were helped by finding ways to express their gratitude.

The word "thanks" or "Thanksgiving" appears about 140 times in the Bible. God wants us to have a grateful heart and find ways to express our gratitude.

There is always something for which to give thanks. Remember, thanksgiving leads to thanks-living! If you think, you will thank! Praise ye the Lord!

Happy Thanksgiving!



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NATHAN LOWE

Facing life's obstacles

For our devotional this week, please take time to read Joshua 1:1-9. As Joshua stepped into the giant-sized shoes of Moses, he faced tremendous challenges! He now had the responsibility of bringing the Israelites into the Promised Land.

The responsibility was huge! We are supposed — by the Lord's repeated commands to "be strong and courageous" — that Joshua was probably not feeling up to the task (Josh. 1:6-7; Josh. 1:9).

I think, at one time or another, we have all faced obstacles that seemed insurmountable. The question is, how will we respond? The reality is, all of us react differently when we face major life obstacles. The question

is, how will you react?

Some people try to push their way around the barriers. Others wallow in hopelessness and give up when struggles come. But in difficult times the Lord wants us to trust Him to remove each impediment. We must always remember, any obstacle that stands between us and God's purpose is subject to God's supernatural power.

Most of us would agree that nothing is too difficult for the Lord. When we begin to focus on our fears and worries, our doubts will begin to control our actions. When we begin to focus on our problems, we allow the problem to grow so large that it begins to block our view of almighty God.

God knew the difficulty of

Joshua's assignment, so He assured him that he would be successful in completing the mission.

Both God and Joshua had a responsibility in taking the promised land. It was God's responsibility to remove every hindrance that stood between the Israelites and the land that He had promised to give them. It was Joshua's responsibility to believe the Lord and carefully obey all His commands.

Obstacles are one way that God uses to build and grow our faith. When you become confused with life and cannot see how God could work out your situation, it is then you walk away in defeat and miss His blessing. God wants to teach you His way of obedience, trust, and courage. If you can believe Him, He will always keep His promises.

Prayers

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord, all power and mercy are yours. Please, on this day, prepare my heart, mind, and soul to receive our daily Bread. Cleanse my soul of all sin and remove all anxiety from my being so that I may fully absorb you and your word. Keep my eyes and ears focused only on your divine presence on the altar and in the tabernacle. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Dear Jesus, praise to you our Lord Jesus Christ. Unto you all glory and honor! Please enter my whole being in this most holy of moments. Burrow down

deep into my soul where only You may reside in the infinity of Your love. Find my most inner being and dwell until I am fully complete with Your presence within these hidden chambers. Then when I am completely filled with Your love; fill my mind with Your infinite wisdom, that can only be grasped with the help of divine mercy. And now let Your light shine within me to all I encounter. Amen.

Preparation and closing prayers are vital for full participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Your mind, soul, body and heart must be engulfed. Don't go



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CHURCH SERVICES

OLD TIME HOLINESS HOUSE OF GOD

Services at the Old Time Holiness House of God on McGrew Church Road in Annetta are held on Sundays at 5 p.m. with Bro. Howard Robertson. Everyone is welcome.

PLEASANT UNION UNITED BAPTIST

Church services at the Pleasant Union United Baptist Church are held the fourth Saturday night at 6 p.m. and the following Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Also on the Sunday following the second Saturday at 11 a.m. Sunday School each Sunday at 10 a.m.

PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church located off Concord and Duff Road. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Worship services start at 11 a.m.

PLEASANT VALLEY UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

Pleasant Valley United Baptist Church of Millwood, will have services on the second Saturday at 7 p.m., the following Sunday at 11 a.m., and on the fourth Sunday at 11 a.m. Pastor Adam Jenkins. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a.m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

PLEASANT VIEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church on Caney Creek Church Road will have services every Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. No services on the fifth Sunday. Pastor Bro. J. H. Manion. Everyone welcome.

POTTER'S HOPE MINISTRIES

Potter's Hope Ministries, 135 Commerce Dr., Leitchfield, 270-287-9117. Pastor Wayne Clemons. www.pottershope.com. Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages; 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service; 6 p.m. Evening Service; Children's Church is for ages 5-12 — nursery provided. Monday: Hope Group for 40 & under with Bro. Wayne at 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6 p.m. Worship Service. Saturday: Prayer from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Adult Grief Support Group, which meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 5-6:15 p.m., is free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one.

PROVIDENCE GENERAL BAPTIST

Services every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Highway 259 South on Providence Church Road. Bro. Sonny Cockerel, Pastor.

VETERAN

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surpassed 1,000 points scored. "He's a great scorer at all three levels, and is just a big-time player," Johnston said. "He's one of the top players in the state."

Logsdon averaged 21 points and 6.8 rebounds a game last season and shot 37.8% on 3-pointers, making 74-of-196.

Armstrong, a 6-2 swingman, averaged 16 points and 5.8 boards a game, and Johnston says he's a "mismatch problem" for teams.

"He's a great shooter and finisher around the rim, and an energy player for our team," he said. Armstrong made 43.8% of his 3-point tries last year, making 35-of-80 from behind the line.

Langdon averaged 14.6 points and 5.2 rebounds a game and is a settling presence for the Cougars.

"He's an extremely underrated player in the region," Johnston said. "He's a strong, athletic guard, and can score at all three levels."

Joining the three is Mardis, a 6-3 guard, who averaged 16.2 points and shot 43.1% on 3s for LaRue County.



Photo by Justin Miller Photography

Senior Brody Armstrong can score inside and outside for Grayson County. He averaged 16 points and 5.8 rebounds a game last season as the Cougars reached the 3rd Region Tournament final.

He also shot 80.9% at the free-throw line last year.

"I think we are a good outside shooting team that can play fast and with good pace," Johnston said. "If we share the ball and don't force tough shots, we will be tough to guard. We still have to get more consistent on the defensive end, especially our help-side defense, and rebounding, but we are getting better in those areas. We are

bigger, quicker, and more athletic in all five spots this year, so we need to use that to our advantage."

Junior guard Kyle Higdon is expected to also start, and Johnston calls the 5-10 Higdon "the glue guy to our team this season."

"He's a great rebounder and passer, ... and makes hustle plays," Johnston said.

Senior guard Chase Baunach, junior forward Evan Hasty, and sophomore forward Trigg Payne and sophomore guard Kamden Sanders also will contribute, Johnston said.

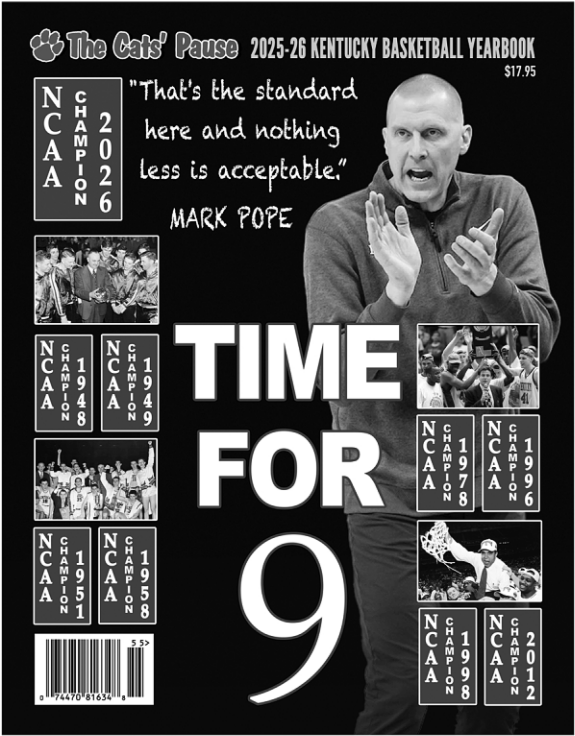
Having veterans like Armstrong, Logsdon and Langdon is important, Johnston said.

"Those three guys help me a lot when it comes to teaching the younger guys things," he said. "They also don't take it easy on those guys. They make them compete, which is only going to help those younger kids and our program down the road."

Grayson County opens the season Dec. 1 at home against Central Hardin.

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