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Praise be to the Lord God!

[Psalms 72](#)

*"Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.
Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen."*

Shouts of praise seem to be missing to a lot of people over the last couple of years. Disease, political upheaval, suffering, and injustice seems to be all around. But reading through the Old Testament, we find this to be a common theme for the human condition through history.

While we may feel that the challenges we have faced are of Biblical proportions, we also read in the scripture how we should shout "Praise be to the Lord God." I often turn to the Psalms for my daily devotion because I know that I do not "Praise the Lord God" as much as I should.

I think of David's life with all the highs and lows, and yet he reminds us that this praise is so important for God to hear and for us to share. We learn and remember that he is faithful and hears our prayers, yet we become impatient and forget that He is always with us.

Especially in this advent season, we need to praise and celebrate the birth of Christ in especially new and more thankful ways. Just as the faithful waited on the King to arrive, we also have much to praise God about.

He will not solve all of our problems, but we also know that fixing us is not the point of Christmas. The point that deserves our praise is that there is a God who loves us so much that he was willing to send his son to the world, certainly a most imperfect place. That alone should be enough to justify our praise.

Prayer: Lord of Grace and Peace, be with us in this special season as we examine all that we have to be thankful for, especially the birth of Christ. Help us to continue to praise your holy name as we face all of the challenges of this world. Amen.

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