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## Harmony of Possibilities

### Psalm 150

*<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!<sup>[a]</sup>*

*<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*

Psalm 150 is a symphony of praise, inviting us to join the buildup of worship that echoes through the ages. As we examine this masterpiece, we discover a theme of "possibilities ahead" woven into each verse. Praise in the sanctuary is an anticipation of the possibilities that lie within the space of God's presence. It's an invitation to approach Him with expectancy, recognizing that within the boundaries of worship, endless possibilities unfold.

The sanctuary becomes a doorway to heavenly encounters, a space where the impossible becomes possible. The variety of instruments mentioned—trumpets, harps, lyres, tambourines, strings, and flutes—paints a brilliant picture of the distinct expressions of praise. Each instrument represents a unique aspect of our lives, contributing to the balanced possibilities of worship. The tune of our existence, when offered to God, becomes a tapestry of possibilities that resound in the heavenly realms.

A few years ago, there was a community event organized by a local church where people from different backgrounds and faiths came together for an evening of music and worship. The event aimed to celebrate diversity and unity through the universal language of music. During this gathering, individuals brought various instruments, echoing the sentiments of Psalm 150.

There were guitars, drums, flutes, and even unconventional instruments like handbells and shakers. As the music played, people from different walks of life joined in, creating a harmonious blend of sounds. What made this experience special was the shared joy and sense of connection as everyone contributed to the musical celebration. It felt like a living expression of the psalm's call to praise God with all kinds of instruments. The event served as a reminder of the power of music to bring people together and transcend differences in a beautiful and harmonious way.

Psalm 150 challenges us to praise God with both skill and impulsiveness. Skillful playing reflects our commitment to excellence in our worship, while impulsive praise reveals the possibilities of genuine, unrestrained encounters with the godly. The psalm encourages us to explore the full field of our worship, embracing the countless possibilities that arise from a heart fully surrendered.

As we meditate on Psalm 150, let us adopt the possibilities that occur when we enter God's sanctuary with hearts open to His presence. The instruments of our lives, skillfully and impulsively played, create a pleasant melody of worship. In this divine symphony, possibilities ahead are not just imagined but realized, as we encounter the unlimited love and power of the God who invites us into the grand quest of praise.

***Prayer:*** *Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts overflowing with gratitude and awe, inspired by the psalmist's call to praise. May our lives be instruments of worship, resonating with the diverse melodies of love and devotion. In the symphony of our days, help us to praise you with both skill and spontaneity, offering a harmonious chorus that echoes through the heavens. Amen.*

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