

"Singing in the Key of Praise"
(Psalm 149)

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" - Ps 149:1; Ex 15; Judges 5; Song of Sol; Luke 1; Rev 5,14

- "affliction" - often the soil of new revelation - Ps 149:4

In Affliction, There Is a Promise to Hold - Ps 149:4

- God takes pleasure in His people - 1 Jo 3:1

...He made us for Himself - Ps 149:2

...He is re-making us into His image - II Cor 5:17

...to be one of "His people", we must receive His Life - Jo 1:12; 1 Jo 5:11-12; Col 1:18,27

- God takes pleasure in beautifying His people - Ps 149:4; 1 Pet 5:10

...He uses affliction to teach trust - Ro 11:36; Ro 8:19; Ro 8:28-29; Heb 2:10

...We are His "Beautification Projects" - Ps 149:4

...We will bring "glory" to our Maker - Ps 149:2,5

In Affliction, There Is a Posture to Take - Ps 149:6

- Praise keeps us focused on Him - Ps 149:2

...a doorway into the greater realities of God - Ps 100:4

...we recognize the dependent, derivative nature of created life - 1 Cor 4:7

- Truth Liberates Us from Lies That Would Mar Our Imageness - Gen 1:26; Jo 8:37; 17:17

...absolute, unchanging nature of what God says - Eph 6:17

...able to discern between soul and spirit - Heb 4:12

...powerful enough to defeat our enemies - Rev 19:15; Ps 147:7-9

Through Praise and Truth in Affliction, We Make an Exchange - Is 61:3

...we become what we receive - Jo 1:12

..."that He might be glorified" - Is 61:3; Ps 149