



Biblical Drama based on Psalm 95 and 150
Character Parts: Narrators 1-6, Solomon, Leader, People

Narrator 1: Long ago, King Solomon built a temple in Jerusalem as a place for the people to come and worship God. On the day he dedicated the temple, Solomon prayed:

Solomon: O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath. You promise love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

I know that heaven — even the highest heaven — cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built. But I ask that you would hear the plea of your servant and of your people, Israel, when they pray toward this place. O, hear in heaven, your dwelling place. Please listen and forgive us. (*Based on 1 Kings 8:23,27,30.*)

Narrator 2: Though the temple had to be repaired and rebuilt many times over the years, it remained a place where people gathered to pray and worship God — to listen to God's Word and be forgiven, and to give praise to the Lord in worship and song.

Narrator 3: When the people came to worship in the temple, they used prayers and songs that God had given them. Often a leader would speak or sing a verse, and the people would respond.

Narrator 4: The Book of Psalms, found in the Bible, contains many worship songs. For example, these words of praise are from Psalm 95:

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

People: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Leader: O that today you would listen to his voice!

Narrator 5: Often, the people would praise God to the sound of musical instruments. We can read about this in Psalm 150:

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds.

People: Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound;

People: Praise him with lute and harp!

Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dance;

People: Praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with clanging cymbals;

People: Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD!

Narrator 6: Like the people in the days of the Bible, in our worship we give our praise to God in prayer and song.