

Psalm 149

FOR JEN FARRIN

The Message

149 1-4 Hallelujah!

Sing to God a brand-new song,

praise him in the company of all who love him.

Let all Israel celebrate their Sovereign Creator,

Zion's children exult in their King.

Let them praise his name in dance;

strike up the band and make great music!

And why? Because God delights in his people,

adorns plain folk with salvation garlands!

5-9 Let true lovers break out in praise,

sing out from wherever they're sitting,

Shout the high praises of God.

Matthew 18:15-20

Common English Bible

Sinning brother or sister

15 “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you’ve won over your brother or sister. 16 But if they won’t listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.^[a] 17 But if they still won’t pay attention, report it to the church. If they won’t pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. 18 I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. 19 Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m there with them.”