

# Psalms 109:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

## Analysis

**I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth** (אוֹדֶה יְהוָה מְאֹד בְּפִי, odeh YHWH me'od be-fi)—Yadah means praise, give thanks; me'od means greatly, exceedingly. **Yea, I will praise him among the multitude** (וּבְתוֹךְ רַבִּים אֶהְלֵלֵנּוּ, u-ve-tokh rabbim ahallelenu)—Halal means praise, boast in; rabbim means many, multitude.

After intense imprecation (vv. 6-20) and desperate petition (vv. 21-29), David concludes with praise—not after deliverance, but in anticipation of it. This is faith's pattern: cry out in distress, then praise before seeing the answer. The shift from private ("with my mouth") to public ("among the multitude") shows praise should move from personal devotion to corporate testimony. Verse 31 will explain why: God defends the poor.

## Historical Context

Israelite worship was communal. Praise wasn't complete until shared with the congregation. The temple courts hosted public thanksgiving where those delivered would testify and offer sacrifices (Leviticus 7:11-15). Early church worship followed this pattern with testimonies and praise (1 Corinthians 14:26).

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

### Study Questions

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1. How comfortable are you praising God publicly versus privately, and why the difference?
2. What would it look like to move from complaint/petition to praise before seeing the answer?
3. When have you experienced deliverance that moved you to public testimony among the congregation?

### Interlinear Text

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הַ	אֲדָוָה	יְהוָה	מְאֹד	בִּפִּי	וְבֵת וָיֹדֶעַת	רַב־יָמִים
praise	the LORD	I will greatly	with my mouth	him among	the multitude	
H3034	H3068	H3966	H6310	H8432	H7227	

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yea I will praise  
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### Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 111:1** (Resurrection): Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

**Psalms 35:18** (Resurrection): I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

**Hebrews 2:12** (Resurrection): Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

**Psalms 138:1** (Resurrection): I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.