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CXLIX

## Unison Declaration

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PICTURE WORD

## Two-Edged Sword

### IN ONE SENTENCE



*he LORD delights in his people and crowns the humble with salvation, so the saints sing with a two-edged sword in hand.*

**Remember it:** One forty-nine: praise in the mouth, a two-edged sword in the hand.

### MEMORY VERSE

For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation.

Psalm 149:4 · World English Bible

### HEBREW WORD

וְחֶרֶב

“sword” · verse 6

In the Psalms: eighteen times, in 15 psalms

וְחֶרֶב means “and a sword.” The Hebrew for “two-edged” here is literally a sword “of mouths,” the edges pictured as mouths that devour. Verse 6 sets it beside high praises in their throats; Hebrews 4:12 later calls God’s word sharper than any two-edged sword.

### HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–4 A new song and dance, for the LORD delights in his people
- 5–6 Saints rejoice with praise in mouth and sword in hand
- 7–9 They carry out the written judgment on the nations

### MY NOTES



**Listen.** Hear Psalm 149 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at [ispress.de/psalms/149](https://ispress.de/psalms/149).

**Cantillated.** Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

Justice on the Wicked

The LORD Reigns

### FILL IN THE BLANKS

The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ in his people and crowns the \_\_\_\_\_ with salvation,  
so the saints sing with a two-edged \_\_\_\_\_ in hand.

### CHECK YOURSELF

1. With what instruments are they to praise?

☐ (A) Trumpet and cymbal

☐ (C) Flute and drum

☐ (B) Tambourine and harp

☐ (D) Lyre and horn

2. Whom does the LORD crown with salvation?

☐ (A) The kings

☐ (C) The humble

☐ (B) The priests

☐ (D) The warriors

3. Where are the saints to sing for joy?

☐ (A) On the mountains

☐ (C) At the gates

☐ (B) In the fields

☐ (D) On their beds

### TALK IT OVER

1. What reasons for joy does the psalm give in verses 1-4?

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2. What does verse 4 show about how the LORD feels toward his people?

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3. How should Christians today understand praise and the "sword" together?

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### IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 149 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 4 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: delights · humble · sword · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 3) · 2. C (v. 4) · 3. D (v. 5)