

The Celebration of Praise and of God’s Glorious Approval: A Picture of Praise and Thanksgiving 2 Chronicles 05: 11–14

1. *The priests sanctified, purified themselves*

2. *The musicians performed: Standing on the east side of the altar*
 - a. They were dressed in white linen robes
 - b. They were playing their instruments and were accompanied by 120 priests playing trumpets
 - c. They were playing while a huge choir sang praise and thanks to the LORD
 - d. They all raised their voices in praise to the LORD, singing: “He is good; His mercy endures forever”

3. *The LORD accepted their praise: Filled the temple with the cloud of His glory*
 - a. The priests were unable to continue their service
 - b. The reason:
The blazing glory of God filled the temple, Exo 40:33-35

- 11 The priests then withdrew from the Holy Place. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions.

- 12 All the Levites who were musicians — Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives — stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets.

- 13 The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: “He is good; his love endures forever.” Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud,

- 14 and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.