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PRAISING MAN WITH A PRIZE

This month, the Nobel Prize for physics was awarded to three men for their groundbreaking work in climate change in the 1960s. One of the three was Japanese-born Syukuro “Suki” Manabe, 90, a meteorologist at Princeton University. Manabe was honored for “the physical modelling of Earth’s climate, quantifying variability, and reliably predicting global warming.” This work laid the foundation for the modern science of climate modeling. Colleagues praised Manabe for his “combination of brilliance and humility,” the latter of which was illustrated in his acceptance speech. He said he felt his work didn’t compare with the outstanding research done by previous winners of the prize. But when he considered that his work could help lead to a better understanding of our current climate crisis, he changed his mind about winning the prize. “Then I thought, maybe it’s OK.”

PRAISING GOD WITH WORSHIP

Today’s psalms are some of the most jubilant celebrations in Scripture. We get an image of raucous, musical glory, like a marching band playing all around us to worship God. The psalmist calls the people to praise the Lord with an almost reckless abandon.

1. What’s the highest prize you have ever personally witnessed anyone receiving?
2. When have you been in a celebration that almost got out of control?
3. What could send you into this kind of jubilant worship?

Additional Resources

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Matthew Henry’s Commentary on [Psalm 149](#) and [Psalm 150](#)