

Glory Nights Week II - Sierra Franklin

1 Chronicles 29:11-13 (NIV)

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name..

Everything belongs to God, the heavens, the earth, The Kingdom!

We refer the word Majesty to royalty, in verse 11 it says majesty and splendor.

Majesty means:

- Dignity and authority
- State which inspires awe and reverence
- Greatness
- Royal Power

Psalm 47:7- For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

God is the **Supreme King!**

We do nothing more than make noise if we don't have a clear biblical understanding of praise within our hearts

When we have an understanding we will be intentional in our praise and the way we engage God.



To praise means to:

- Commend
- To approve
- To glorify to esteem

When we are intentional we will remember what praise means!

Praise puts God in first place!

Praise is always turning our attention from ourselves to God!

Praise is an act of your will!

When you offer true praise you make a **conscious decision** to commend approve and glorify God!

1.Thanksgiving

Psalm 100:4- Enter His gate with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks and praise His name

- Come into God's presence thanking Him for who He is and what you have!
- Giving thanks to God is something we have to do before we ask for anything.

2. Singing

Psalm 30:4- Sing to the Lord, you saints of His; praise His holy name

- There are more than 400 verses in scripture that reference singing
- We sing to testify of the goodness of God!



- Singing encourages and expresses the Spirit's work in our hearts
- Singing helps us remember God's word (Talk about my how my songs are filled with the word)
- Singing helps express and engage our emotions
- Singing helps us express our unity with the church

3. Clapping our Hands

Psalm 47:1- Clap your hands all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy

- Clapping is a show of approval and appreciation
- Clapping is a unifier
- Clapping stimulates life into our bodies

4. Shouting

Psalm 98:4- Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music!

- Shouting and loud singing are to be our companions in our praise
- They express joy and exaltation
- Praise is designed by definition to be loud! God likes it loud!
- Make a joyful noise unto the Lord- Noise means a sound, especially one that is loud or unpleasant or that causes disturbance.

5. Making Music on Instruments

Psalm 150

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.



It says to praise Him with the harp the lyre and the trumpet. All those instruments in bible times had its significance

- **String Instruments** which today are the guitars, the piano which is stringed, back then was things like the harp, the lyre
- These stringed instruments were played in times of celebration and times of mourning.
- The harp was the very instrument, which they call the "Chief Instrument", that David played and caused demons to flee from Saul
- <u>Wind instruments</u> such as the flute, the trumpet, the horn, were used for festal and mounging occasions
- The shofar, was used for warning of danger or celebration
- Percussion Instruments the bells, cymbals tambourines are all for celebration!
- Every instrument we play and other churches play all have significance, that's
 why we have to be intentional in praise and worship and learn to create an
 atmosphere where demons flee!
- We create an atmosphere of celebration towards the Lord.

Dr. Myles Monroe mentioned in his book "The Purpose and Power of Praise and Worship"- "You don't start praise by making music, because music with instruments is to be an extension of your praise, not a creation of your praise!"

6. Dancing

Psalm 149:3- Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with tambourine and harp

- Expresses intense joy and longing that wells up inside us
- Dancing is both an acceptable and essential part of praise and worship
- Jesus Rejoiced in spirit- Rejoice means to "jump for joy"



Luke 10:21- In that hour <u>Jesus rejoiced in spirit</u>, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

7. Lifting our Hands

Psalm 63:4- I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands

This display of praise is an act of your will.

- Its a result of a conscious choice that takes us beyond our feelings and preferences
- Is referred to as a thank offering
- Extending your hands in reverence
- Means to confess, to surrender

8. Kneeling

Psalm 95: 6- Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker

- Kneeling is a form of humility and honor
- It shows our recognition that God is Lord and we are His people!

Why do we praise?

- Praise brings God into our environment
- God inhabits the praises of His people
- When we intentionally choose to honor and praise God, He will get up His throne in midst of us and when Jesus comes, sickness, addictions, hatred everything that plagues our has to go!



Now let's get ready and worship and create and atmosphere where God can dwell here with us

In this time of worship let's implement what we have learned tonight, let's be intentional, let's lift our hands, when it's time to bow let's bow and in unity let's all sing together.