



Glory Nights Teaching Part 4 - Sierra Franklin

Ways we Praise God:

- 1. Thanksgiving**
- 2. Singing**
- 3. Clapping**
- 4. Shouting**
- 5. Instruments**
- 6. Dancing**
- 7. Lifting Hands**
- 8. Kneeling**
- 9. Standing**
- 10. Lying Prostrate**
- 11. Bowing Your Head**
- 12. Laughter**
- 13. Speaking and Singing in Tongues**

Review Points: SLIDES

Praise is so powerful... Story of Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20)

- Jehoshaphat bragged on and boasted in the Lord.**
- He proclaimed that power and might are in God's hands!**
- He reminded God of what He had already done and confirmed his faith that God would do it again!**

Jehoshaphat put His trust in God

3 Responses of Jehoshaphat

- 1. Praise**
 - 2. Expectancy**
 - 3. Obedience**
- When we come before God this is the same response we need to have!**
 - This also needs to be our response when we are going through tough times**

Praise is the secret to the power of God



We cannot come into service without an expectancy when we praise or we will come in and leave out the same way

Praise is a weapon!

God created us with a weapon inside of us that, if activated by faith, humility and obedience, will cause God to show up and show out and, that's praise!

The characteristics of our praise to the Lord depends on the depth of our relationship with Him

**The Purpose of praise is to get God into your environment.
The power of praise is the presence of God's work in your life!
-Dr. Myles Monroe**

Our main point from last week was...

Presence, Power and Glory of God came because of the:

- **Praise**
- **Expectancy**
- **Obedience**

Praise is what attracts God's presence (Psalms 22:3)

Praise is how you come to know God

Praise is God's dwelling place

So often we go looking for God when we could be creating an environment that invites him to come to us

**We don't have to search for God in every situation
We have to praise God in every circumstance**

Our human tendency to look for God is the reason there are so many different religions in the world today

- **We spend so much time and effort looking for Him when all we have to do is praise**
- **Praise is your access, your key, into the presence of God**



- **Although God will take us as we are, there are certain qualifications to be in His presence**
- **God doesn't just come because we want Him, but He comes to those who meet His conditions.**
- **This is not to exclude anyone however there is a posture of the heart that we must have to even be in the presence of God**
- **God responds to our desire for Him, but our desire must be shown in ways that meet His standards. We must be holy, as He is Holy**
- **God's holiness means that He is pure in motive.**
- **He is integrated in His thoughts, words and actions.**

- **Satan tries to block us from the truth**
- **These lies rob us of our confidence in God's word, robs us of our joy and robs us of an opportunity to connect with, and praise God**
- **Satan doesn't want us to realize that God looks at the heart, the motives of the heart**
- **The holiness of God means being pure in motive and has very little to do with your mistakes and sin and has a lot to do with your heart**
- **God calls us to consecrate ourselves (Leviticus 20:7-8)**

3 components in learning to engage God: (Proverbs 4:7)

- 1. Knowledge- Facts and information**
- 2. Understanding -To perceive the intended meaning**
- 3. Wisdom- Applied knowledge**



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The Relationship of Praise and Worship

Praise is _____ God
Worship is being _____ by God

The goal of praise is to _____ for the presence of God

Abraham, Moses and David were _____ of God because they made room for Him in their lives.

Their deep hunger to _____ and _____ God was the basis for their _____ with Him

God shows up to _____ worshippers because they have an _____ devotion to Him and a passion for Him

Praise and worship are related but very different activities and experiences:

- Praise is our _____ a house for God, Worship is God _____.

What is worship?

- Worship is a _____ between God and man, a dialogue that should go on constantly in the life of a Christian
- Worship is _____ to God and involves a life style of giving to him the sacrifice he asks for which our lives
- Worship is the ability to _____ God with our whole body soul and spirit

We cannot worship God unless we have first praised Him and this praise must be genuine

Matthew 15:8-9

These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.



God desires for us to _____ Him

John 4:23

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

God is seeking _____, those who have adopted the lifestyle of seeking Him

What does it mean to seek?

Seeking the Lord means _____

“Presence” is a common translation of the Hebrew word “face.”

Literally, we are to seek his “face.” But this is the Hebraic way of having access to God. To be before his _____ is to be in his

Praise Me; Seek Me... with All Your _____

God responds to those who have a deep _____ for Him

Psalm 42:1-2-As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

We have to _____ God!

If we want God as bad as we say we do, we will step outside of our _____ zones for the sake of _____

We make this harder than it really is, there is no formula to get God here...we create formulas to try and get God here

We all _____ to be with God!



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Deep is the hunger and thirst of these committed ones that seek God until they are caught by Him. Their passion for Him will not allow them to stop until they gain the One for whom they reach. Hours spent in prayer and praise are the rule for them, not the exception

This attitude is uncommon in the church. We are much too comfortable to expend the effort such a passion requires

**Why? One possible answer is because we have yet to experience the _____ and _____ of God's manifested presence
The reward of our seeking us worth every bit of our effort, and more**

Another possibility is our _____ and _____ within us that prevent us from giving full allegiance to anyone, including God.

We cannot _____ Him with all our heart because there are too many things that pull our attention away from Him

Praise Me; Seek Me...With _____

The children of Israel were about to enter the Promised Land, Joshua _____ all that God had done for them and _____ them to choose whom they would serve.

Joshua 24:15

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord

The people chose to serve God

Joshua 24:16b-18

Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God Himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes....We too will serve the Lord, because He is our God

Then Joshua charged them,



Josh. 24:23

Throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel

In other words, he told them to make themselves qualified for serving God.

We cannot keep the _____ of our heart and expect to receive the gift of His presence. Repentance is, therefore, an _____ ingredient of seeking and praising Him.

We must _____ to Him on a daily basis, so He can _____ to us.

His coming to us is predicated on the fact that we get rid of all the obstacles that keep us from coming to Him.

Praise Me; Seek Me...With _____ and _____

He cannot free us from all that _____ us unless we are _____ to let Him take over our life.

Very often we hand Him the reins one day and take them back the next. We do this because we have not learned a truth that was quite precious to David:

Psalms 9:10

Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You

_____ is a necessity if we are to genuinely _____ and _____ the Lord.

Otherwise, we will take matters into our own hands when we don't like what is happening in our life or we don't understand the path God has set before us.



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David did so much in His life but God called him “ A man after His own heart” not because he had it all together but because David would seek God until He found Him

God is _____ for such a generation, a people who will _____ His presence over their own selfish desires and wait for His purposes despite long periods of preparation.

Such a generation will approach Him with _____ subjecting their pride-filled hearts to the searching of His eyes.

They will _____ Him and His plans for them above all else.

Psalm 14:2

The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God

These people will be caught by God, for His plans and purposes always include intimacy with Him

Proverbs 8:17

I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me find Me

When people _____ want God’s presence, He gives it to them.

This is the bottom line of praise and worship.

Hence, David instructed his son Solomon to continue as he had started.

1 Chronicles 28:9

And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever

**_____ and _____ God with all your heart.
Then wait and see what He will do in your life**



He will grace you with His presence.

_____ is what _____ is all about:
_____ God until He graces us with His presence. Once He is present, everybody and everything else is _____

_____ God and _____ His presence is the sole purpose of our _____

**Only then may we know what to do and how to live effectively.
God is raising up a praising Body all over the world. He's preparing a generation who will seek Him above all else**