



Glory Nights Teaching Part 3- 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

The logo for "Glory NIGHTS" features the word "Glory" in a large, elegant, white cursive font. Below it, the word "NIGHTS" is written in a smaller, white, all-caps sans-serif font. The text is set against a dark, textured background that appears to be a night scene with trees and a building.

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**

The Presence

Praise is what attracts God's presence

Psalms 22:3 "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabits the praises of Israel."
KJV

- He doesn't inhabit the presence of people
- He doesn't inhabit the begging of people
- He inhabits the praise

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

**Man, universally and instinctively knows he needs God, and all his religious beliefs and activities are his efforts to find him
Therefore, man's religious exercises are simply his means of trying to find the presence of God**

- 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**.

Which means everything He says and does is the same, he doesn't say one thing and do another

He cannot lie, neither can He pretend.

Those who want to live in His presence must be as He is.

- Satan tries to block us from the **truth**

Some of us already are feeling disqualified

Satan tells us that we don't deserve the presence of God so why even try, he won't show up for you, it will just be another painful, silent, wasted moment.



Those are the kind of lies that keep us from expressing our praise

- 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 won't tell us to not worship God, he's smarter than that. He will tell us you can worship, but God's not coming to you because of what you did, because of what you thought about today, because of how you spoke to that person, so why waste your time.

Satan doesn't want us to realize that God looks at the **heart**, the **motives** of the heart

He wants us to keep thinking its only our displays of praise God looks at, not the heart.

So we can literally go an entire song set and have no connection with God Giving all this energy and have no heart connection

1 Samuel 16:7

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

God is looking at that place inside you where your mind is constantly weighing various options. This means He is looking at more than just your behavior. He is looking at why you do what you do. That goes to the level of the heart.

Proverbs 16:2

All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD.

Again we are talking about being qualified to be in God's presence

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**

Do you think God pays more attention to the fact that you fell, or to the fact that you got back up?

It's all about the motive of the heart



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- Coming into God's presence is not something to be done casually
- God calls us to **consecrate** ourselves

Leviticus 20:7-8

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

- Coming to God with praise requires that we **cleanse** our heart from all the evil that has taken up residence there

Psalm 15:1-5

O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity and practices righteousness, who speaks the truth from his heart, who has no slander on his tongue, who does no harm to his neighbor, who casts no scorn on his friend, who despises the vile but honors those who fear the LORD, who does not revise a costly oath, who lends his money without interest and refuses a bribe against the innocent.

This has everything to do with our personal life
These are his requirements
What is in our heart and what we do and say must match.
We can't say one thing in public and another in private

Righteous integration in all our life is evidently **essential** if we want God's **presence** to come and stay with us

Psalm 24:3-6

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to falsehood, who does not swear deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.

Psalm 101:7

No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who tells lies shall stand in my presence. Clean hands, a pure heart and truth in the innermost being.



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- These are the distinguished **characteristics** of the man or woman who may stand in God's presence and offer **praise** in which God is enthroned.
- These are God's standards for those who approach Him in **praise**
- God is not saying we cannot fall short and make these mistakes, he is saying, this cannot be your **lifestyle**.

Tehillia is praise that has no ulterior motive;

- Praise that comes from the heart **cleansed** from sin and **wholly yielded** and **controlled** by Him,
- Praise that **acknowledges** the reality of God, not the creation,
- Praises that is wholly **fixed on Him** and the **glory of His name**

Closing:

Psalm 47:7

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

Praise has much more to do with the **motives** in your heart than the melody of music on your lips.

Praise demands an understanding heart and mind.

Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

- 1. Knowledge**
- 2. Understanding**
- 3. Wisdom**

Knowledge:

Facts and Information

- For the past several weeks we having been gaining knowledge on how to engage God through praise and worship



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- We've had time to praise and worship, have notes and even an opportunity at the end of the sermon to respond

Understanding: To perceive the intended meaning

You can have knowledge but there may be an intended meaning that's deeper than just the facts and information and you need to get understanding

- So that's when we dig deeper and we now try to understand why we need to praise? He us honor and build relationship with God
- What happens in our lives when we praise?

Wisdom: Applied knowledge

- This is now when you apply everything you have learned, you all of your knowledge to your lifestyle because you have an understanding

Open Up:

- When I went through a season of correction that is when all of this came into perspective.
- I had so much knowledge, how to pray, how to worship, how to praise, how to set boundaries in life, what to say no to. I had the knowledge.
- But it wasn't until I hit a wall, I fell, is when I got an understanding of why I should have applies the knowledge to my life.
- Because of my fall, I now have the wisdom to apply all the knowledge that I have gained to my life, for the glory of God.

The motive of our hearts must be:

- I want to learn more so that I can understand more and apply it to my life.
- I want to learn to praise and worship and engage you God, it's my hearts cry.
- If you are wise you will come to this altar tonight apply what you have learned over the past couple weeks because you have an understanding that this is how you honor God.

We cannot sit here service after service and not gain wisdom

That means every service what you have learn you should be apply more than the service before.



Giving Message:

The same thing goes for giving, we have the knowledge to honor God with our wealth, and we understand why, it's to bring him honor, its to show our gratitude and honestly its just what He requires.

Proverbs 3:9 New International Version (NIV)

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;

He looks at the heart, as we give tonight let's be thankful for His word and let give with a cheerful and generous heart.