### Review- Different Ways We Praise Ways we Praise God:

- 1. Thanksgiving- Psalm 100:4
- 2. Singing- Psalm 30:4
- 3. Clapping- Psalm 47:1
- 4. Shouting- Psalm 98:4
- 5. Instruments- Psalm 150
- 6. Dancing- Psalm 149:3
- 7. Lifting Hands- Psalm 63:4
- 8. Kneeling- Psalm 95: 6
- 9. Standing-Exodus 33:10
- 10. Lying Prostrate- 1 Kings 18:39
- 11. Bowing Your Head- 2 Chronicles 29:30
- 12. Laughter- Job 8:21
- 13. Speaking and Singing in Tongues- 1 Corinthians 14:15











### Praise is so Powerful- Story of Jehoshaphat

- 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!





### Praise is so Powerful- Story of Jehoshaphat

Jehoshaphat put His trust in God

- 3 Responses of Jehoshaphat
- 1. Praise
- 2. Expectancy
- 3. Obedience





### Praise is the secret to the power of God!





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

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











## 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





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

 If we have built an intimate, lasting friendship with Him and have become perceptive praisers, we can expect that all these forms of praise will be part of our experience





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

- 1. Praise
- 2. Expectancy
- 3. Obedience

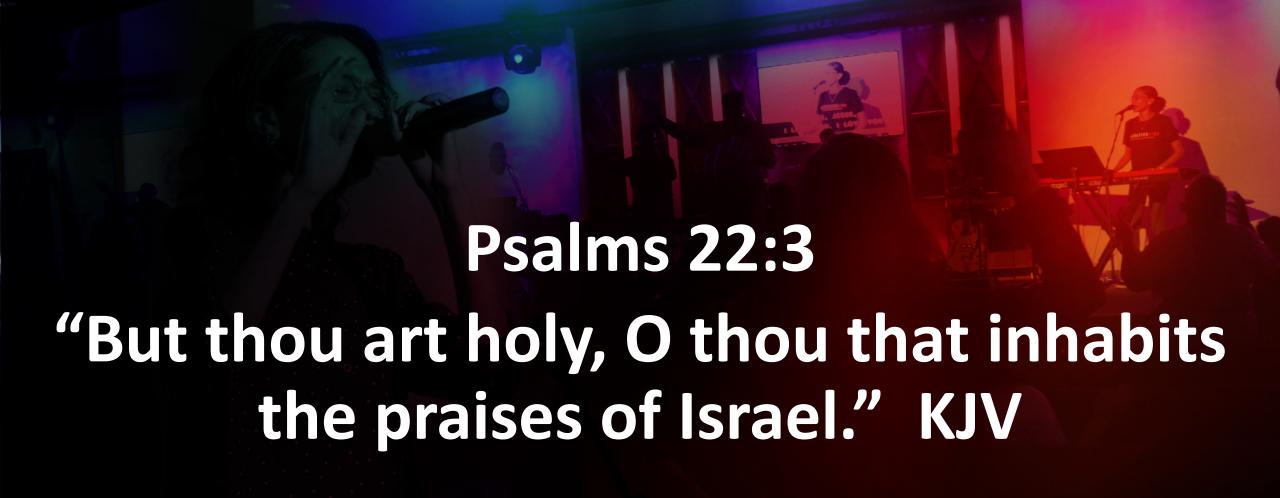




## Praise is what attracts God's presenceweapon!











- Praise is Cod's dwelling place
- 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





- •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 so that we don't 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...However, 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





#### 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

### Proverbs 16:2

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





### 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.





## 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.



## 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 W.THENEWCHURCHOFJOY.COM 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.





- •These are the distinguished characteristic 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 (Hebrew) 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





#### **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.





### 3 Components

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





# Knowledge Facts and information





### 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





### 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



