

“Positioned in Praise”

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What is praise and worship to God?

1 Peter 2:9-10 NKJV: ⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

* Praise is our outward expression of our deep inner affection, love, and fervent passion that arises from our hearts because there is a residing understanding of what our Heavenly Father has done, is presently doing, and will do for us as His chosen and beloved sons and daughters.

Psalms 47:7 NKJV: ⁷ For God *is* the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

1. Praise Him for what He has done!!

Exodus 15:1-3 NKJV:

“I will sing to the LORD,
For He has triumphed gloriously!
The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!
² The LORD *is* my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
He *is* my God, and I will praise Him;
My father’s God, and I will exalt Him.
³ The LORD *is* a man of war;
The LORD *is* His name.

2. Praise Him for what He is doing!!

Romans 4:17-21 NKJV: ¹⁷ (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory (praise and worship) to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

3. Praise Him for what He will do!! (**Psalm 100 NKJV**)

Philippians 4:4-7 NKJV: ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 13:15-16 NKJV: ¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.