

PRAISE IS THE WAY FORWARD

John NKJV 4: ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

1. THE PRIVATE WORSHIP WITH HIM

- If our praise is anemic or lacking in the assembly, its because there is no expression at home or in private,

Psalms NKJV 93: The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
The Lord is clothed,
He has girded Himself with strength.
Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be removed.
² Your throne *is* established from of old;
You *are* from everlasting.

Psalms NIV 145: ³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

2. We worship in in the assembly

Exodus NKJV 25: ² “Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

⁸ And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

²² And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which *are* on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

- The heart of our coming together is bring God an offering of worship, knowing He wants to dwell with us,

Romans NKJV 12: ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

3. The Day Approaching

Hebrews NKJV 10: ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- There is power in the corporate assembly, not to give in to the spirit of the times (Romans 12: don't be conformed to this world)

2 Timothy NKJV 4: ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.