

**The Prayers of the Psalms
We Praise You
Discover Church
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Three Things Praise Does

- **Declare** the nature of God

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” Colossians 3:16

- Worship causes us to **adjust** our **perspective**
- God for **who** He is

“When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.” Matthew 26:30

How We Praise God

“Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” Psalm 115:1

1. Focus **glory** on God not **us**

Problem = We want to look good ***without*** regards to how we want God to look in the process.

Question = Who will get the credit if God answers my prayer?

2. **Seek** God’s way not the world’s way

“Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?” Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.” Psalm 115:2-3

“But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears, but cannot hear; noses, but cannot smell. They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.” Psalm 115:4-8

“How foolish are those who manufacture idols. These prized objects are really worthless. The people who worship idols don’t know this, so they are all put to shame.” Isaiah 44:9

3. Remember that worship leads us to **trust God**

“All you Israelites, trust in the Lord— he is their help and shield. House of Aaron, trust in the Lord— he is their help and shield. You who fear him, trust in the Lord—he is their help and shield. The Lord remembers us and will bless us: He will bless his people Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron, he will bless those who fear the Lord—small and great alike.” Psalm 115:9-13

- Help
- Shield

4. **Receive** God’s Blessings

“May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 115:14-15

Praise the Lord

“The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind. It is not the dead who praise the Lord, those who go down to the place of silence; it is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore. Praise the Lord.” Psalm 115:16-18

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Scripture: Psalm 115; Colossians 3:16; Matthew 26:30; Isaiah 44:9