

The image features a central graphic on a black background. It consists of a series of vertical bars of varying heights and colors, including orange, yellow, green, cyan, blue, purple, and pink. Overlaid on this graphic is the word "AWAKEN" in a large, semi-transparent, grey, sans-serif font. In the center of the "AWAKEN" text, the words "LET PRAISE" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

AWAKEN  
LET PRAISE

# Enter His Gates

Psalm 100 (NIV)

**A psalm. For giving grateful praise.**

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

# Enter His Gates

*You need the right attitude,  
for the right gratitude!*

# Enter His Gates

- **Praise** – from “tehillâh” (teh-hil-law’), - praise, adoration, thanksgiving (paid to God). Act of general or public praise. Specifically connects to “praise-song”, singing.

Unidirectional – one way towards God, no seeking, no asking!

- **Worship** – from “`âbad” (aw-bad') – to work, serve (God), to work for another, serve another by labour. Other words to describe “worship” in Scripture mean to bow down, prostrate oneself, to “fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence.”

Bidirectional – seeking God, receiving from him.

- **Thanksgiving** – from “tôdâh” (to-daw’) – thank offering, sacrifice of thanksgiving.

# In the Beginning

## Genesis 3:6-7, 21-23 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

- We became self-aware, and less God aware

<sup>21</sup> The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. <sup>22</sup> And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” <sup>23</sup> So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

- God clothed them with a sacrifice and cast them out of the Holy Place

# In the Beginning

## Genesis 4:1-11 (ESV)

**4** Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” **2** And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. **3** In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, **4** and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, **5** but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. **6** The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

**8** Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. **9** Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” **10** And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. **11** And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

# In the Beginning

Genesis 4:1-11 (ESV)

1. Offerings of excellence vs. offerings of laziness
2. There's no fooling God, he ALWAYS knows the heart!
3. Self-awareness hasn't completely overtaken mankind yet

Genesis 4:26: "At that time man began to call upon the name of the Lord."

# By God's Command

Hebrews 9:1-7 (NIV)

## Worship in the earthly tabernacle

<sup>1</sup> Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup> Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, <sup>4</sup> which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup> Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

<sup>6</sup> When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. <sup>7</sup> But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.



# By God's Command

## 1 Chronicles 15:14-16 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel.<sup>15</sup> And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the Lord.

<sup>16</sup> David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

## 2 Chronicles 29:25 (AMP)

<sup>25</sup> Hezekiah stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, in accordance with the command of David [his ancestor] and of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for the command was from the Lord through His prophets.

# Why We Need to Praise

## 1. Praise changes the spiritual climate

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## Acts 16:25-36 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. <sup>34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household. <sup>35</sup> When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men." <sup>36</sup> The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace."

# Why We Need to Praise

## 2. Praise breaks pride and changes our awareness

### 1 Chronicles 15:25-29 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> So David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the house of Obed-edom with rejoicing. <sup>26</sup> And because God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. <sup>27</sup> David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the music of the singers. And David wore a linen ephod. <sup>28</sup> So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres.

<sup>29</sup> And as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David dancing and celebrating, and she despised him in her heart.

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### 2 Samuel 6:20-23 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, 'How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!'

<sup>21</sup> David said to Michal, 'It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel – I will celebrate before the Lord. <sup>22</sup> I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honour.'

<sup>23</sup> And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

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### Deuteronomy 16:16-17 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the Lord empty-handed: <sup>17</sup> each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

# Why We Need to Praise

## 3. You can praise without worship, you can't fully worship without praise!

Psalm 34:1-4 (NIV 1984)

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol the LORD at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul will boast in the LORD;  
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- <sup>3</sup> Glorify the LORD with me;  
let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.



# The Glory of the Lord

## 2 Chronicles 5:13-14 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the Lord with these words:

*“He is good!*

*His faithful love endures forever!”*

At that moment a thick cloud filled the Temple of the Lord. <sup>14</sup> The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple of God.