

LOVE & GO

THE POWER OF PRAISE

WHAT IS PRAISE?

PRAISE: to glorify one's attributes; to express one's devotion, and to show thankfulness and gratitude

Mark 12:30 (NKJV) "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your **heart**, with all your **soul**, with all your **mind**, and with all your **strength**. This is the first commandment."

HOW DO WE WORSHIP?

THE SEVEN ACTS OF PRAISE

- 1) **Psalm 30:4 (NLT)** **SING** to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name.
- 2) **Psalm 47:1a (NLT)** Come, everyone! **CLAP** your hands!
- 3) **Psalm 47:1b-2 (NLT)** **SHOUT** to God with joyful praise! ²For the LORD Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth.
- 4) **Psalm 149:3-5 (NLT)** ³Praise his name with **DANCING**...
- 5) **Psalm 134:2 (NIV)** **LIFT UP YOUR HANDS** in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.
- 6) **Acts 4:24 (NLT)** When they heard the report, **all the believers LIFTED THEIR VOICES TOGETHER IN PRAYER to God:**
- 7) **Psalm 150:3-5 (NLT)** ³Praise him with a **BLAST OF THE RAM'S HORN**; praise him with the **LYRE AND HARP**! ⁴Praise him with the **TABOURINE AND DANCING**; praise him with **STRING AND FLUTES**! ⁵Praise him with a **CLASH OF CYMBALS**; praise him with **LOUD CLANGING CYMBALS**.

WHY DO WE PRAISE GOD?

1. BECAUSE GOD ASKS FOR OUR PRAISE.

Psalm 150:1-2, 6 (NLT) ¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven! ²Praise him for his mighty works; praise his

unequaled greatness! ⁶ Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD.

Praise: Halal: to shine, hence, to make a show, to boast; and thus, to be (clamorously) foolish, to rave, to celebrate.

2. BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE.

2 Samuel 6:21–22 (NIV) ²¹ 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. ²² I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes.

Luke 19:37–40 (MSG) ^{37–38} Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed: Blessed is he who comes, the king in God’s name! All’s well in heaven! Glory in the high places! ³⁹ **Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, get your disciples under control!”** ⁴⁰ **But he said, “If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise.”**

3. BECAUSE PRAISE CHANGES THINGS.

Acts 16:25–2 (NLT) ²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! ²⁷

- **PRAISE CHANGES ME.**

Psalms 103:1–2 (ESV) ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

- **PRAISE INVITES GOD’S PRESENCE AND CHANGES THE ATMOSPHERE.**

Psalms 22:3 (KJV) But thou *art* holy, O *thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

- **PRAISE CHANGES MY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Acts 16:26 (NLT) Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

- **PRAISE IS A POWERFUL WEAPON IN SPIRITUAL BATTLES.**

2 Chronicles 20:21–22 (NLT) ²¹ After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: “Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!” ²² At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves.

Psalms 8:2 (NET) From the mouths of children and nursing babies You have ordained praise on account of your adversaries, so that You might put an end to the vindictive enemy.

WHY PRAISE AND WORSHIP ARE SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF GOD’S HOUSE

Hebrews 10:24–25 (AMP) ²⁴ And let us consider *and* give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love *and* helpful deeds *and* noble activities, ²⁵ Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.

Ezekiel 46:9 (NLT) ⁹ But when the people come in through the north gateway to worship the LORD during the religious festivals, they must leave by the south gateway. And those who entered through the south gateway must leave by the north gateway. They must never leave by the same gateway they came in, but must always use the opposite gateway.

1 Kings 7:21 (NLT) Hiram set the pillars at the entrance of the Temple, one toward the south and one toward the north. He named the one on the south **Jakin**, and the one on the north **Boaz**.