

**Series:** NOT ALONE: Where are you God?

**Title:** PRAISE: God! You Are Awesome!

**Text:** Psalm 103:1, 20-22

**Introduction:**

**Memory Verse**

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. (Psalm 37:4)

**Big Idea**

The reason God wants us to praise Him has everything to do with increasing our sense of His \_\_\_\_\_ and nothing to do with stroking God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Let's look at six ways our praising God draws us closer to Him.**

**I) Praising God causes us to check our \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer.**

Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good. (Psalm 54:1-2, 6)

**II) Praising God brings us into the \_\_\_\_\_ presence of God.**

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice. (Psalm 95:1-7)

**III) Praising God causes us to be \_\_\_\_\_ for Him.**

Praise ye the LORD, O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise? (Psalm 106:1-2)

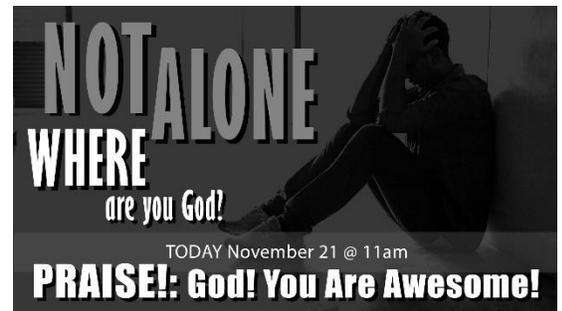
**IV) Praising God brings ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ to life's purpose.**

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

**V) Praising God \_\_\_\_\_ us with Christ's body.**

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. (Psalm 112:1)

A. Jonah longed to corporate \_\_\_\_\_.



Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD. (Jonah 2:4, 9)

B. David \_\_\_\_\_ corporate praise.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:1-2, 10)

C. Paul described corporate \_\_\_\_\_.

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (Ephesians 5:19-21)

**VI) Praising God causes us to fulfill our \_\_\_\_\_ in life.**

Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth. (Psalm 96:7-8, 10, 13)

### **Conclusion:**

God already knows who He is and what He has accomplished. The reason God wants our praise is to cause us to recognize just how close He really is.

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