



CHANGING YOUR WORLD THROUGH

P R A I S E

A crowd of people is shown from behind, with many hands raised in the air, suggesting a church service or a religious gathering. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient, making the background appear semi-transparent. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Part 1

Blessed By His Presence



*“In prayer, we act like men, in
praise we act like angels.”*

-Puritan Preacher Thomas Watson



Praise: *hallah*

*“boast, brag, & rave about God –
even to the point of looking foolish to
others”*



Hallelujah = Praise to the Lord!

hallelu (praise) jah (God)



Praise Welcomes & Honors God's Presence

God's Presence Brings Blessing

Praise Flows from Humble Gratitude

A crowd of people is shown from behind, with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The scene is dimly lit, and the entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue gradient. The text "Pursuing His Presence" is centered over the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Pursuing His Presence

2 Samuel 6:1-11

¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim.

2 Samuel 6:1-11

³And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, ⁴with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark.

2 Samuel 6:1-11

⁵And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. ⁶And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. ⁷And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God.

2 Samuel 6:1-11

⁸And David was angry because the LORD had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. ⁹And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, “How can the ark of the LORD come to me?”

2 Samuel 6:1-11

¹⁰So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

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Blessed By His Presence

2 Samuel 6:12-13

¹²And it was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.

¹³And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal.

Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

A large crowd of people is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in the air. The image is heavily stylized with a dark blue gradient overlay, making the people appear as silhouettes. The overall mood is one of collective praise or worship.

Praise Flows from Humble Gratitude

2 Samuel 6:14-20

¹⁴And David danced before the Lord with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn. ¹⁶As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:14-20

¹⁷And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. ¹⁸And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts

2 Samuel 6:14-20

¹⁹and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

2 Samuel 6:14-20

²⁰And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!”

A crowd of people is shown in silhouette against a dark blue background. Many of the people have their hands raised, some holding up phones. A large, light blue geometric frame, resembling a stylized house or a hexagon with a pointed top and bottom, is superimposed over the crowd. The frame is composed of several overlapping lines.

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