

New Song Community Church
October 8, 2023
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Title: The Power of Praise

Text: Psalm 100 (NLT)

1. **Worship is an active participation activity**...No one can do it for you.

A. The progression of Thanksgiving to Praise to Worship.

1. Thanksgiving: the Key to the door to the outer court.
2. Praise: the Key into the courts of heaven.
3. Worship occurs when we are in His presence.

B. In the *worship realm* we are raised up into the heavenlies.

Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)

1. It is the place of forgiveness, and cleansing

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

2. It is the place where we hear what God wants us to hear
3. The Goal of praise and worship is an encounter with God
4. An encounter with God: Gives us the ability to:
 - i. Understand the Mind of the Lord
 - ii. See with the eyes of the Lord
 - iii. Receive what we need from the Lord
5. God's presence is the place of:
 - i. Peace
 - ii. Power
 - iii. Healing
 - iv. Spiritual Strength

C. Praise is God's command

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

1. How we feel should never be a factor.
2. Something spiritual happens when we lift our hands in obedience to God's command.
3. What I do physical affects my life Spiritually.
4. It requires faith to Praise the Lord.

D. God fights for us:

2 Chronicles 20:20-24 (NLT) (Jehoshaphat)

E. Praise brings a divine encounter.

Psalms 22:3 ...God sits enthroned on the praises of his people...

Isaiah 42:10-13 (NLT)

Today I am:

1. Committing my life to Jesus
2. Committing myself to offering the sacrifice of praise
3. Positioning myself for a God encounter
4. Needing God to fight my battle