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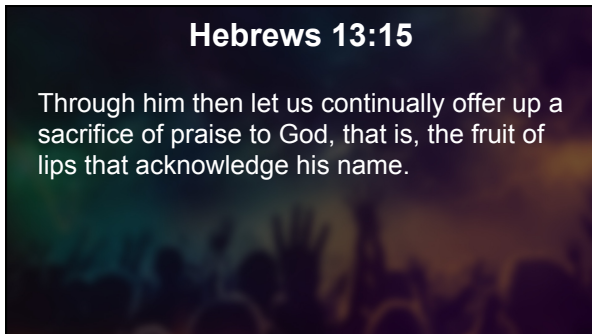
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**Hebrews 13:15**

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

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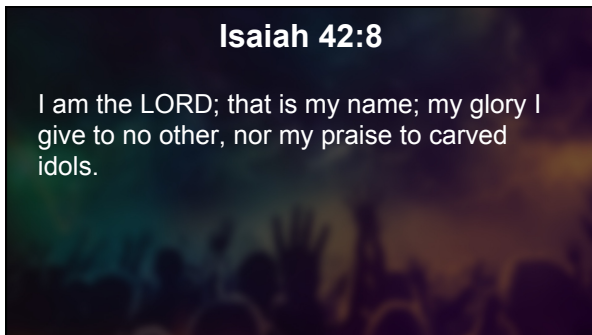
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**Isaiah 42:8**

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

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### God is Jealous of Our Praise

**Exodus 34:14** (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),

**2 Corinthians 11:2** For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

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### Sacrifice is A Costly Choice

A sacrifice hurts, it's costly, it takes effort—and the ultimate sacrifice cost the Messiah, Jesus Christ, his life. A sacrifice of praise won't always be easy and effortless, but difficult and costly.

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### Shout Unto God

Practice praise as a cherished sacrifice to God

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**Genesis 14:14-24**

17 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) 19 And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

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**Genesis 14:14-24**

20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. 21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself."

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**Genesis 14:14-24**

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' 24 I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share."

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Kings Rescued By Abram	
Bera, Sodom	Bera = "Son of Evil " Sodom = "Burning"
Birsha, Gomorrah	Birsha = "With iniquity" Gomorrah = "Submersion"
Bela, Zoar	Bela = "destruction" Zoar = "insignificance, Little"

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Kings Rescued By Abram	
Shemeber, Zeboim	Shemeber = "Soaring on High" Zeboim = "gazelles"
Shinab, Admah	Shinab = "splendour of the father" Admah = "Earthy"

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1. Royal Priest offers exclusive praise to God

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### Hebrews 7:15-17

15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 16who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

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### 1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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### Four NT Sacrifices

Sacrifice	Verse
Lips	Heb 13:15 Sacrifice of praise
Life	Rom 12:1 Offer yourself as a living sacrifice
Loot	Heb 13:16 Share what you have
Love	Heb 13:16 to do good to others

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**Shout Unto God**

Our Life Has a Voice  
That Praises Someone

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**Psalm 103:1**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is  
within me, bless his holy name!

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2. Praise is a gift that blesses almighty God

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### Praise is Fruit to God

1. Tasty
2. Healthy
3. Flavors

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### We Exist to Savor God

We exist to savor the God we have seen. And that precedes all work and labor and toil and service. If wonder doesn't precede work, work will become wearisome. But God does not mean to weary his people: the joy of the Lord is your strength. Savoring comes before serving. - John Piper

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### Continual Praise

	High Energy	Low Energy
Good Times	1	3
Bad Times	2	4

Rarest and most costly (valuable) praise is during Bad Times and Low Energy

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### Why is Praise So Emotionally Hard?

1. **Suffering** can bring despair
2. **Abundance** can lead to self-importance
3. **Mundanity** often leads to dulled emotions

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**Genesis 15:1**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

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