

Praise 4081

I. Three Related Concepts: Worship, Praise, Thanksgiving

- A. *Worship* is primarily an *attitude* of the *body*: *praise* and *thanksgiving* are *utterances* of the *mouth*
- B. We *praise* for *who* God is; we *thank* for *what* God does
- C. *Worship* relates to God's *holiness*, *praise* to His *greatness*, *thanksgiving* to His *goodness*
 - 1. Isaiah 6:1–4—Vision of *worship* and *praise* in heaven. Note use of *seraph's wings*:
 - a. *Four wings* to *cover* themselves = *worship*
 - b. *Two wings* to *fly* = *service* (*service* proceeds out of *worship*)
 - c. *Praise* through *seraphs' mouths*: "Holy, holy, holy . . ."
 - 2. Ps. 48:1—*Praise* is our appropriate response to God's *greatness*

II. Eight Scriptural Facts About Praise

- A. Ps. 22:3—Praise is *God's address*—His *throne*
- B. Ps. 100:4–5—Praise is the *way into God's presence*
Is. 60:18—All the *gates* to the city of Salvation are *praise*
- C. Ps. 106:47—Praise is the *purpose* for *God's blessing us*; it brings us into His *victory* (compare 2 Cor. 2:14)
- D. Ps. 30:11–12—Our *tongue* is our *glory* because its primary function is to *praise God* (compare Ps. 16:9 & Acts 2:26)
- E. Isaiah 61:3—Praise is a beautiful *garment* of our spirit (compare Ps. 33:1)
- F. Ps. 50:23—Praise prepares the way for God's *supernatural intervention* on our behalf
 - 1. 2 Chron. 20:21–22—When the people praised God, He *intervened* against their enemies
 - 2. Jonah 2:9–10—When Jonah began to praise, God spoke to the fish to *release Jonah*
 - 3. Acts 16:25–26—Praise prepared the way for God to send the *earthquake*
- G. Ps. 8:2; Matt. 21:16—Praise is a *weapon* of spiritual warfare to silence and bind Satan (compare Ps. 149:5–9)
- H. Jer. 33:11—Praise is a *costly sacrifice* (compare Heb. 13:15–16). We praise God not because we feel like it, but because He is *worthy* of it.

III. When, How and Who

- A. *When* to praise God?
 - 1. Ps. 145:2—Every day—forever and ever
 - 2. Ps. 34:1—At all times—continually
- B. *How* to praise God?
 - 1. Ps. 111:1—With the whole heart—uninhibited
 - 2. Ps. 47:7—With skill
 - 3. Ps. 63:4–5—With lifted hands—joyful mouth and lips
 - 4. Ps. 141:2—Lifting the hands—as an evening sacrifice
 - 5. Ps. 149:3—With the dance
 - 6. Ps. 150:4—With the timbrel and dance

- C.** *Who* to praise God?
1. Ps. 148:2 ff—29 kinds of creatures who are to praise the Lord
 2. Ps. 1560:6—Everything that has breath
- D.** *Who* does *not* praise God?
- Ps. 115:17—The *dead*

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