

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

I. DEFINITIONS:

A. PRAISE

Webster - To commend the worth of, express approval or admiration

of, to glorify and exalt God.

Hebrew - Halal (haw-lal') - To make a show; to boast; to be

clamorously foolish; to rave.

1. Praise in the church:

a. To glorify God (directed to God) with purpose to

honor God.

b. It is not to be in purpose to make a show of one's self.

B. WORSHIP

Webster - Extreme devotion, intense love or admiration, to idolize.

Greek - Proskuneo (pros-koo-neh'-o) - Like a dog licking his master's

hand, to crouch or fawn to, to prostrate oneself in homage or

reverence to.

Greek - Latreuo (lat-ryoo'-o) - To render religious homage to, or to

minister to God.

C. The difference in Praise and Worship is:

1. Praise Him for what He has done and is doing.

2. Worship Him for who He is.

II. WHY WE SHOULD PRAISE GOD:

A. God dwells in the midst of our praises.

a. Psa 22:3, "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

III. HOW TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP HIM:

A. In Spirit and in Truth.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

B. With my whole heart.

Psa. 9:1a I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart:...

C. With all that is within me.

Psa. 103:1-2 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

D. Must be from the heart, or it is in vain.

Matt. 15:8-9 This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. (vs 9) But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the the commandments of men.

1. There is a difference in vain (fake) worship and worshipping in faith.

IV. SACRIFICES OF PRAISE:

A. When you start out, you will not always feel like praising.

1. Psa. 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise

shall

continually be in my mouth.

giving

2. Heb. 13:15 By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips thanks to His name.

why art

yet

3. Psa. 42:5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall praise Him for the help of His countenance.

4. Psa. 103:1-2 Read

B. Praising God will lift you up. For one thing, it will get your mind off of yourself and the circumstances.

V. PERFECTED PRAISE:

A. Perfected praise is pure praise, like from a child that is innocent and untainted from worldly thoughts and ways.

mouth

1. Matt 21:16b ...Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?
2. Psa. 8:2 Read

VI. WAYS AND EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

A. With a loud voice or shout.

continually, Let

1. Psa. 35:27a Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say the Lord be magnified,...

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2. Psa. 47:1b ...shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

3. Luke 19:37b ...the whole multitude of the disciples
began to
rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all
the mighty works that they had seen.

B. With our lips / mouth.

1. Psa. 63:3 Because Thy lovingkindness is better than
life, my
lips shall praise Thee.

2. Psa. 51:15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth
shall shew forth thy praise.

C. With musical instruments.

1. Psa. 33:2 Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto Him
with
the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

2. Psa. 150:3-5 Read

D. With dancing.

1. Psa. 149:3a Let them praise His name in the dance:...

2. Psa. 150:4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance:...

E. With singing.

1. Psa. 9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing
praise to Thy name, O thou most High.

2. Psa. 33:3a Sing unto Him a new song;...

3. Eph. 5:18-20 Read (...singing and making melody in

your

heart to the Lord;)

F. With uplifted hands.

my

1. Psa. 63:4 Thus will I bless Thee while I live: I will lift up
hands in Thy name.

2. Psa. 141:2 Read

3. I Tim. 2:8 Read

G. With clapping hands.

1. Psa. 47:1a O clap your hands, all ye people...

H. Praising with the Word.

1. Col. 3:16 Read

I. Praising in the Spirit.

1. Eph. 5:19 Read

VII. RESULTS OF PRAISE:

A. Releases Faith.

1. Psa. 103:1-5 Read

B. Deliverance comes.

1. Acts 16:25-26 Read

C. Joy comes.

1. Psa. 71:23 My lips shall greatly rejoice...

D. Improves Countenance.

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praise is 1. Psa. 33:1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for
comely for the upright.

praises 2. Psa 147:1 Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing
comely. unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is

E. Unity of Spirit.

the 1. Isa. 52:8-9 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with
voice together shall they sing: for they shall see
eye to eye,...

2. Acts 16:25 (kept them in unity)

F. Gives Strength.

1. Psa. 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast
thou ordained strength...

G. Takes Care of the Enemy.

about you; 1. Psa. 8:2
(Message Trans.) "Nursing infants gurgle choruses
toddlers shout the songs that drown out enemy talk,
and silence atheist babble."

2. Psa. 9:14-15 Read

VIII. Conclusion or Final Exhortation:

A. Praise glorifies God.

1. Psa. 50:23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me:
and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will
I shew the salvation of God.

B. All living should praise God.

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tell you
would

1. Luke 19:40 And He answered and said unto them, I
that, if these should hold their peace, the stones
immediately cry out.
2. Psa. 150:6 Let every thing that hath breath praise
the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.