

PRAISE AND WORSHIP.

PRAISE. (Webster)

Verb. 1. To express approval and commendation of; applaud.

2. To express adoration of. *Glorify God.*

Noun. 1. Commendation expressed as of a person for his virtues, or concerning meritorious actions; utterance of approval; honor given; also applause.

2. Thanksgiving for blessings conferred; laudation to God; worship expressed in song.

Hebrew words used in the Old Testament.

A. Verbs.

Heb; **‘halal’** "to praise, celebrate, glory, sing (praise), boast." The meaning "to praise" is actually the meaning of the intensive form of the Hebrew verb *halal*, which in its simple active form means "to boast." **Praising with abandon.**

The word *halal* is the source of "Hallelujah," a Hebrew expression of "praise" to God

"Hallelujah" is translated "Praise the Lord!" The Hebrew translation is ""Let us praise Yah,".

Heb; **“yadah”** "to give thanks, laud, praise." A common Hebrew word in all its periods, this verb is an important word in the language of worship. *Yadah* is found nearly 120 times in the Hebrew Bible.

Thanksgiving with hands extended in adoration.

B. Nouns.

Heb; **“tehillah”** "glory; praise; song of praise; praiseworthy deeds." *Tehillah* occurs 57 times and in all periods of biblical Hebrew. **Singing spiritual songs.**

First, this word denotes a quality or attribute of some person or thing, "glory or praiseworthiness":

Second, in some cases *tehillah* represents the words or song by which God and His glory are declared.

Third nuance *tehillah* is a technical-musical term for a song (*shir*) which exalts or praises God: "

Finally, *tehillah* may represent deeds which are worthy of "praise and glory."

Two other related nouns are ***mahalal*** and ***hillulim***

Heb; **“todah”** "thanksgiving." This important noun form, found some 30 times in the Old Testament, is used there in the sense of "thanksgiving." (**Vine's**) **Sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

PRAISE ; Greek words used in the New Testament.

A. Nouns.

1. "ainos" primarily "a tale, narration," came to denote "praise"; praise to God, Matt. 21:16; Luke 18:43.

2. "epainos" a strengthened form of No. 1 (epi upon), denotes "approbation, commendation, praise";

3. "ainesis" "praise" (akin to No. 1), is found in Heb. 13:15, represented as a sacrificial offering.

B. Verbs

1. "aineo" "to speak in praise of, to praise"

2. "epaineo" akin to A, No. 2, is rendered "praise," 1 Cor. 11:2,17,22.

3. "humneo" denotes (a) transitively, "to sing, to laud, sing to the praise of" (b) intransitively, "to sing,".

4. "psallo" primarily, "to twitch" or "twang" (as a bowstring, etc.), then, "to play"

5. "exomologeo" in Rom. 15:9, RV, "will I give praise" (KJV, and RV marg., "I will confess. (**Vine's**)

WORSHIP;

1. The act or feeling of adoration or homage; the paying of religious reverence, as in prayer, praise, etc.

2. The act or feeling of deference, respect, or honor toward virtue, power, or the like.

3. Excessive or ardent admiration; also the object of such love or admiration. (**Webster**).

Hebrew word used in the Old Testament.

shachah "to worship, prostrate oneself, bow down." This word is found in modern Hebrew in the sense of "to bow or stoop," but not in the general sense of "to worship."

Shachah is used as the common term for coming before God in worship (**Vine's**).

shachah*, Hebrew 7812, Strong's *shachah; a primitive root; to *depress*, i.e. *prostrate* (especially reflexive in homage to royalty or God) :- bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.

Greek words used in the New Testament.

A. Verbs.

1. *proskuneo* "to make obeisance, do reverence to". It is used of an act of homage or reverence.
2. *sebomai* "to revere," stressi"ng the feeling of awe or devotion.
3. *sebazomai* "to honor religiously," .
4. *latreuo* "to serve, to render religious service or homage,"
5. *eusebeo* "to act piously towards,"

Notes: The worship of God is nowhere defined in Scripture. A consideration of the above verbs shows that it is not confined to praise; broadly it may be regarded as the direct acknowledgement to God, of His nature, attributes, ways and claims, whether by the outgoing of the heart in praise and thanksgiving or by deed done in such acknowledgment.

B. Nouns.

1. *sebasma* "an object of worship"
 2. *ethelothreskeia* "will-worship"
 3. *threskeia* "worshipping"
- (Vine's)

DEFINITION;

Praise: to recognize, glorify and applaud the greatness of God.

Worship: to commune, honor and bow in complete humbleness before God.

PRAISE IS THE ENVIRONMENT GOD LOVES AND LIVES IN.

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

Rev. 4:8-11 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. [9] And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, [10] The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, [11] Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (Dan 7:10).

In heaven continuous praise is offered to God day and night.

GOD'S RELM IS PRAISE. HE LIVES IN PRAISE.

Zeph. 3:17 The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

GOD ALONE IS WORTHY OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, (Deut 6:13) Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 8:2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

Worship is reserved for God alone (Mt 4:10). Angels refused worship (Re 19:10; Re 22:8-9) and men refused worship (Ac 10:25-26; Ac 14:11-18). There are 11 instances where Jesus was worshiped (Mt 2:2; Mt 8:2; Mt 9:18; Mt 14:33; Mt 15:25; Mt 20:20; Mt 28:9, 17; Mar 5:6; Lu 24:52; John 9:38).

Psalm 107:8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

MINISTERING TO THE LORD.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

How can we minister unto the Lord? What are His needs?

The Lord created everything for His pleasure (Re 4:11), even us. Man was created to fellowship with God. Sin caused man to quit communing with God, but Jesus paid for our sins to once again bring man back into harmony with His creator (2Co 5:18). As we give the Lord our love through praise, worship and service, we minister to the Lord.

The Lord "needs" us to display our love. The Levitical priesthood ministered to the Lord (Nu 3:4; De 10:6; 1Sa 2:18; 1Sa 3:1; 1Ch 6:32; Heb 10:11). Peter's mother-in-law ministered unto Jesus by fixing His

food and possibly washing His feet, etc (Mt 8:15; Mr 1:31; Lu 4:39). Other women ministered unto Jesus by giving Him money (Lu 8:3). In heaven, thousands and thousands minister unto Him with praise and worship (Da 7:10).

These prophets and teachers in Antioch were ministering unto the Lord through their praise and worship. When the scriptures admonish us to bless the Lord (Ps 34:1; Ps 134:1-3; etc.), they are not instructing us to simply say the words, "bless the Lord." Rather, they are instructing us to tell Him of our love and thankfulness. That blesses God!!

WHO WILL (CAN) PRAISE GOD?

David. The scriptures (*1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22*) call him “**a man after God’s own heart**”.

This is in spite of his sins, murder and wrongdoings. One of the great reasons is mentioned in 2 Samuel chapter 6.

David was bringing the ark of the Lord from the house of Obed – edom to the city of David . With much joy and happiness, it was a great procession. For every six paces sacrifices were made.

*2 Samuel 6:14-16 And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. [15] So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. [16] And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. (20) Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! [21] And David said unto Michal, **It was before the Lord, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel : therefore will I play before the Lord. [22] And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. [23] Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.***

This attitude of David, is one of the important reason which made him “a man after God’s own heart. He knows his God.

1 Chron. 23:5 Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the Lord with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith.

In the New Testament we are the temple of God. And praise should be made continually.

Psalms 22:23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel .

Those who really fear God with reverence will praise him. They understand that God is not the topping of ice-cream, He is their everything.

The seed of Abraham, The seed of Jacob, The seed of Israel, all these denote “born again believers in Christ”. (Gal 3:7, 16, 29). So really born again believers who understand “who they are in Christ” will praise and glorify God.

Psalms 22:26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

Those who seek the Lord praise Him. No doubt about it. If we are praising the Lord, we are seeking Him. Praising the Lord is good for our physical, emotional, and spiritual hearts. Those who want to live a healthy life physically and spiritually should praise God.

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

Praising God glorifies Him. Glorify means to render or esteem glorious. Esteem means to place a high value on, respect, or prize. The same Greek word that was translated "glorified" in Ro 1:21 was translated "magnify" in Ro 11:13. Therefore, praising God magnifies God in our hearts and minds. Those who glorify the Lord through praise will see the salvation of the Lord.

The Hebrew word KABAD that was translated "glorifieth" here was translated "honor" in Pr 3:9, which says "Honor the LORD with thy substance." Therefore, you could say that offering praise honors the Lord.

Psalm 150:6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

If you are breathing that is a good reason to praise God. The reason we are living is God. Those who understand this fundamental principle will praise God. There are millions who are ready to give anything to breathe for another day, month, and year. When we see that, we can understand how precious our breath is. We can definitely use our breath to praise God and also use the breath to live.

Isaiah 43:21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

Today 'this people' means the Church. We. We are formed to praise God.

Those who were bought with a price should praise God.

1 Cor. 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Cor. 7:23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Our spirit is the breath of life from God. Our body is made by God. We sold ourselves to the Devil. We as born again children of God are bought again with a price – the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Therefore we have to praise God who paid this awesome price.

All should praise God.

Psalm 117:1-2 O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. [2] For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

All nations and people are to praise the Lord for His merciful kindness towards them. And the truth of the Lord (His Word) will endure forever. Hallelujah.

Only those who know God can praise Him.

Psalm 119:7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

Understanding God's Word will enable us know Him. Knowing Him will enable to praise God better.

You cannot praise somebody whom you do not know.

How much you praise somebody depends on how much you know him.

How we praise depends on how well we know the one we praise. (Myles Munroe)

PRAISE IS A POWERFUL WEAPON AGAINST OUR ENEMY.

Jehoshaphat, king of Judah was a God fearing man. Moab, Ammon and others came to battle against Lord.

2 Chronicles 20:14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation; 15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you. 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. 19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

When the Spirit of the Lord came in the congregation, and the people heard the prophecy, they responded with faith. The result was worship and praise. True faith will always produce praise. No praise = no true faith. No one can imagine the total manifestation of what they need without praise being a part of their response. When faith is complete, praise is always the result. Therefore, if we don't have true praise in our hearts, it shows that our faith isn't complete or perfect.

2 Chron. 20:21-22 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.

[22] And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

God's deliverance happened when they began to sing and praise the Lord. Praise is a powerful weapon. Satan can neither stand it nor understand it. Ps 8:2 and Mt 21:16 show that praise is the strength that stills the enemy and the avenger.

Psalm 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Matthew 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Jesus quoted this verse in Mt 21:16 - "And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?" Jesus substituted "perfected praise" for what David wrote as "ordained strength." Therefore, praise is the strength that stills the enemy and the avenger. We should operate in praise much more. This praise or strength works against God's enemies, that He might still the enemy and the avenger. So by comparing these scriptures we can see that praise is strength, and is intended to be used in spiritual warfare to stop Satan, our enemy. Satan cannot stand true praise to God.

Praise God before and after the victory.

2 Chron. 20:24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

2 Chron. 20:26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

The name "Berachah" means praise. The Israelites didn't just praise the Lord going into the battle. They praised the Lord after the battle too. Many will praise the Lord before or after the victory; but people with true faith praise the Lord on both sides of the Red Sea.

SATAN CANNOT STAND WHEN WE PRAISE GOD.

Matthew 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Pride was what caused Satan's original sin according to Isaiah 14:12-14. He wanted to be like the Most High. One thing reserved for God alone is worship, and the devil has always sought that. If he can't be the one to receive worship, then he seeks to turn others away from giving true worship to the Most High God. He does this through things like covetousness, which is idolatry (Col 3:5). This is the reason why praise and worship to the Lord is such a powerful tool against Satan. He can't stand seeing God worshipped.

PRAISE SHOULD BE HEARD BY OTHERS.

Psalm 66:8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Our praise to God is meant to be heard by others. It starts in the heart, but it needs to come out of our mouths too.

Psalm 71:23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

The Hebrew word RANAN that was translated "greatly rejoice" means "to shout". David is saying he would praise God with a loud and joyful song. The NIV translates this verse as, "My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you--I, whom you have redeemed."

Psalm 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Psalm 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Praise reveals on the outside what is happening on the inside.

WHEN TO PRAISE GOD?

Psalm 113:3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.
This means we are supposed to praise the Lord all the time.

Psalm 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

The first thing we are to do is enter into God's "gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name". This may mean that we at present have to start our meetings with thanksgiving and praise. According to Jesus' teaching on prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, we are supposed to start and end our prayer with thanksgiving and praise.

Psalm 63:4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. (as long as I live)"NIV)

Psalm 134:2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

1 Tim. 2:8 I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
The more God is magnified the more our problems shrink.

Psalm 77:11 I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

When everything around us looks bad, as the psalmist describes, we can always find comfort by looking back to the blessings of God that we have received, or forward to the promises of God's blessings to come. Regardless of our situation, we can always find a reason to praise the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 78:22-23 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation: [23] Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

The Israelites' complaint wasn't justified. God had been faithful to them. He not only delivered them from slavery in Egypt, but supernaturally supplied their needs in the wilderness. The problem wasn't God's faithfulness but the people's hearts. A person with an ungrateful heart will always have something to complain about. But, a person with a good heart will always have something to praise the Lord for.

ANNOINTED PRAISE CAN CHASE AWAY EVIL SPIRITS.

1 Samuel 16:23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.
(Mark; 1; 32.)

Anointed praise and worship will drive away evil spirits. For a person who knows God and is immovable in his relationship with Him, there is no problem casting out devils. However, as illustrated in Acts 19:13-17, a person who doesn't really "know" Jesus should not attempt a deliverance.

PRAISE BRINGS MIRACLES.

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

It is certain that Paul and Silas didn't feel like praying and singing praises unto God. They went absolutely against all their natural feelings and deliberately exercised their will to enter into praise. This is the way that we abound in faith (Col 2:7) and a supernatural deliverance was the result. If we praise by faith instead of complaining through pain, we will experience God's miraculous power too. If they could do it, so can we (Col 1:12). The earthquake in Acts 16 didn't just happen naturally. This was a powerful demonstration of God's power and it was released because of the apostles' prayer and praise. Praise is a powerful force that can cause earthquakes or whatever miracle we need.

PRAISING GOD MAKES US STRONG IN FAITH.

Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Jesus had equated praise with strength (Mt 21:16). Here we see that this is one thing that made Abraham strong in faith. Praise keeps our minds stayed on God and what He is doing. You cannot praise God and keep your mind on the problem. You will fall into complaining every time. This is how praise makes us

strong in faith. Abraham kept his mind stayed on God, not on his circumstances. How did he do that? By praising God. (v. 19,21).

PRAISING GOD MAKES US ABOUND IN FAITH.

Col. 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

We abound in faith, when we operate in thanksgiving. Faith is never complete until there is thanksgiving. If you believed for a million rupees and you received your answer, what would your response be? It would be some form of thanksgiving. It is impossible to see the answer to your prayers without some praise to God coming out. That's because our thanksgiving is a vital part of faith.

Therefore, faith without praise is incomplete. Those who try to believe God and are void of praise and thanksgiving prior to the time they see what they have believed for, are operating in an inferior faith. As we thank the Lord in advance by faith, our faith abounds and reaches its highest level.

PRAISING KEEPS YOU FROM IDOLATRY.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. [6] In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

1 Cor. 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God ? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

The Apostle Paul tells us that through creation, a revelation of God was made known to mankind. As a result of man turning away from that light, he turned to darkness, with the final outcome being idolatry (Ro 1:21-23). Idolatry may be described as the worship of anything that takes the place of devotion to God. In the Old Testament this included false gods, idols, images, etc. (De 32:37-38; Jdg 10:14; 2Ki 18:33; Le 26:30; Eze 14:6). In the New Testament idolatry includes being lovers of self, lovers of pleasures more than God (2Ti 3:2,4), with a strong emphasis on covetousness, which Paul states is idolatry (Eph 5:5; Col 3:5). The apostle John ends his epistle to believers by saying, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (1Jo 5:21). A strong antidote to this sin is a constant acknowledgement of God in all our ways with thanksgiving, praise, and glory to Him (Pr 3:5-6; Ro 1:21).

PRAISE IS THE ONLY RESPONSE WE CAN GIVE FOR THE GIFT OF SALVATION

2 Cor. 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Psalms 116:12-13 What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? [13] I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Salvation is described as a gift. (Eph 2:8) The dictionary defines a gift as "something that is bestowed voluntarily and without compensation; a present". When someone gives you a present, your only response should be, "Thank you very much." But many Christians after receiving the gift of salvation are still thinking they must work to pay for their acceptance. The only acceptable response to salvation is gratitude and praise to God for His indescribable gift (2Co 9:15). Salvation is a gift to be received (Ro 6:23), not a wage to be earned. Our response to that has to be praise and thanksgiving.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH MEETINGS;

Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Notice that "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" are some of the ways we teach and admonish. Anointed praise and worship is just as much a part of the ministry of God's Word as anointed teaching and preaching. To receive that benefit, we need to change our attitude towards praise and worship by opening our hearts with expectancy to receive fresh revelation from God's Word as we worship God from our hearts. Before the New Testament scriptures were put into written form, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs were a primary source of Christian education. It is still one of the church's most effective ways of communication. Music helps us recall and meditate on scriptural truth. Many people who would never listen to a sermon respond to music.

Psalms 22:22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Praise brings peace. Phil 4: 4-7.

BIBLICAL FORMS OF PRAISE.

1. Singing: Psalm 30:4, 81:1, 95:1, Eph 5:19, Col 3:16. Ex.15, 1 Sam 18. 2 Sam: 22.
2. Shouting. Psalm 35:27, 98:4. Lev 9:24, Shouting and loud singing should be companions in the praise.
3. Making a joyful noise: (It should be heard) Psalm 66:8, 98:4-6.
4. Laughter: Psalm 126:1-3. Job 8:21.
5. Thanksgiving: In many places thanksgiving and praise are used together in the scriptures. They go together. Only a heart with thanksgiving can praise. Ezra 3:11 Psalm 69:30, Psalm 100:4, Eph 5:19-20.
6. Standing: Deut 10:8, 1 Chro 23:30, Neh 9:5, Psalm 134:1.
7. Kneeling: Psalm 95:6, Eph 3:14, Phil 2:10-11.
8. Clapping hands: Psalm 47:1, 98:8, Isaiah 55:12.
9. Dancing: Psalm 149:3, 150:4, Zep 3:17. Of course, dancing and shouting should be done in a decent manner.
10. Uplifted hands: Psalm 63:4, 134:2, 1 Tim 2:8.
11. Speaking and singing in tongues: Acts 10:46, 1 Cor 14:2, 14:15.
12. Making music on instruments: 2 Sam 6:5, Psalm 150

These are the forms of praise commanded in the bible and mentioned as examples. We need to do all these. Becoming comfortable or taking one form and leaving others is certainly not scriptural.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRAISE AND WORSHIP.

Praise is seeking God. Worship is being found by Him.

Praise is what we do to seek God. Worship is what we do in His presence.

Praise is a work of faith. Worship is resting in God.

The goal of praise is to create a favorable environment for God. God loves to be with true worshipers. True worshipers love to be with God. As we praise and enter into worship, where we commune and fellowship with God, everything we need is in His presence - joy, rest, peace, mercy, power, victory, wisdom, happiness, encouragement, safety and pleasure.

Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 21:6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

In fact seeking God brings “everything” we struggle to earn for many years. *Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Psalm 9:10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

When you praise Him - seek Him with all your heart.... (Psalm 42:1,2),

When you praise Him - seek Him with repentance (Joshua 24:15),

When you praise Him - seek Him with humility and trust (Psalm 9:10),....

You will reach the goal of praise... Worship. Being in His manifested presence, glorifying Him, honouring Him, and bowing in complete humility, loving Him and being loved.

Once in worship, everything else becomes silent.

Habakkuk 2:20 But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Dear saints, praise and worship our loving God as you breathe on. He is worthy of it. You are created for it. It changes you, chases away the devil, and creates a lovely environment to your God.

Amen. Be blessed..

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