



Wednesday, December 9th, 2020

New Teaching Series: "The Purpose and Power of Praise and Worship"

TWCC Teaching Connection Outline: "When Are We to Praise God?"

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV) – "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that **you may proclaim the praises of Him** who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Hebrews 13:15 (NLT) – "Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual **sacrifice of praise to God**, proclaiming our allegiance to his name."

WHAT IS PRAISE?

- **PRAISE** is celebrating God as our heart's true home. The Scriptures are filled with injunctions and **INSTRUCTIONS** to **PRAISE** the Lord.
- **Read 1 Chronicles 29:20 (NLT) and Psalms 106:1 (NLT) and Psalms 113:1 (NLT)**
- _____ includes: **(1)** _____ **(2)** _____ Approval or a Favorable Judgement of **(3)** _____, especially by crediting with perfections.
- **PRAISE** by **COMMENDATION** applies the _____ of God to our personal circumstances.
- **PRAISE** by **APPROVING** is turning our thoughts toward God and remembering how He has won our acclaim and adoration. It is _____ the wonder of Who He is and how He has made a difference in our life and the life of others.
- Praising God by _____ Him is simply recognizing and testifying to all these admirable qualities of God.

WHEN ARE WE TO PRAISE GOD?

Psalms 34:1 – 3 (AMPC) – "¹I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My life makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble *and* afflicted hear and be glad. ³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

- It has been said that there are _____ times to **PRAISE** the Lord: **(1)** When you feel like it, and **(2)** When you do not feel like it. Any other time you do not have to praise Him.
- The implication is that you are to _____ the Lord at all times; good times and bad times, sad times and happy times.
- Dear friends, _____ is to be an everyday part of your life. No matter what's happening – whether you are having low moments or high moments – your _____ is to _____ on God.
- **Example of David and Nathan:** *The Best of Times* – (**Read 1 Chronicles 17:4 – 14; 20 – 24a; 1 Chronicles 29:20 – 21a**)
- **Example of the Paul and Silas:** *The Worst of Times* – (**Read Acts 16:16 – 26**)
- _____ is a day in, day out, _____. You don't have to have a _____ day or a _____ day to have a _____ Session.
- **Read Ephesians 5:19 – 20 (NKJV)**

- This means that before you get to Church, you are supposed to be _____ God. In other words, we all should be _____ for the Service and _____ God in advance and in faith about the upcoming Church Service.
- If you have been talking to your _____ throughout the week the way you are supposed to be, you won't need anyone to get your attention and stir you up. You will already be eager and ready to go.
- **Psalms 122:1 (NKJV)** - "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."
- David _____ when the doors of God's house were open, and he could go in. He was _____ and _____ to worship with God's people.
- In a real sense, all of us are _____, because we are _____ of the Lord.
 - **1 Corinthians 3:16 - 17 (NLT)** - "16 Don't you realize that all of you together are **the temple of God** and that the Spirit of God lives in you? 17 God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple."
 - **1 Corinthians 6:19 (NLT)** - "19 Don't you realize that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit**, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself."
- **What we do in our own house affects what we do with everybody else.** When we _____ our house through righteous praise at home, we are then ready to _____ the whole place when we come together as a Church family.
- Therefore friends, we must be careful and cautious not to come expecting something great in our _____ praise and worship if we haven't had an individual meeting with God first. **PRAISE IN YOUR PRIVATE LIFE IS WHAT BRINGS _____ AND _____ TO YOUR PUBLIC EXPERIENCE!** (Ex: David vs Goliath). _____ praise prepares you for _____ victory. _____ in the beginning of the day gives God room to handle whatever comes your way in the rest of the day.
- Listen to God, not the news or social media, before you leave your house in the morning or evening. **Praise is how we make room for God in our life!** (**Read Psalms 9:1 - 2 NKJV**).

SING A NEW SONG EVERY DAY

- We readily _____ or _____ (Complain) about everything else. Now it is time that we _____ about the Lord's doings in our lives. Wouldn't it be great if every time we saw each other we shared something _____ of what the Lord has done for us?
- **Read Psalms 33:3 (NLT); Psalms 96:1 (NLT); Psalms 98:1 (NLT); and Psalms 149:1 (NLT)**
- Our _____ Song is to be a _____ of all God has done for us. It is based in our experience with Him. See the example of David. **Psalms 40:1 - 3 (NLT)** - "1 I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. 3 He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD."
- Every single day you should have a _____ Song to _____ before the Lord and to _____ with others. You must learn how to SEE, SING and TESTIFY of His goodness. PRAISE is to be as natural and as common to you as breathing. PRAISE may be both DIRECT and INDIRECT.
- When you _____ God to others, you are praising Him indirectly. _____ destroys the atmosphere created by praise. **A NEW SONG EVERY DAY KEEPS GOD'S PRESENCE WITH YOU!**
