



Wednesday, December 30th, 2020

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

TWCC Teaching Connection Outline: "The Progression of Praise"

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?

- _____ includes: **(1)** _____ **(2)** _____ Approval or a Favorable Judgement of **(3)** _____, especially by crediting with perfections.
- _____ by _____ applies the _____ of God to our personal circumstances.
- _____ by _____ 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. **AS WE HONOR GOD FOR WHO HE IS AND FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE IN OUR LIVES, WE MAKE ROOM FOR HIM TO WORK FOR US AND IN US EVERY DAY.**

WHEN ARE WE TO PRAISE GOD?

Read Psalms 34:1 - 3 (AMPC) _____ 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.

- We are not to wait until Church on Sunday or Wednesday before you _____ God. Come to the Worship Services with _____ and _____ in our heart. Make a faith effort not to just come to Church with your bad feelings and frustrations and wait for someone to make you feel better.

HOW ARE WE TO PRAISE GOD?

- **Praise is how we make room for God in our life! Corporate Praise is how we make room for God to move and manifest in our Church Services.** There is no such thing as a hidden or silent _____.
- _____ requires a heartfelt faith-effort on our part.
- _____: **Psalms 30:4 (NLT)** - "**Sing to the LORD**, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name."
- _____: **Psalms 98:4 (NKJV)** - "Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises."
- **MAKING A NOISE** (So It Can Be Heard): **Psalms 66:8 (NKJV)** - "Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard."
- _____: **Psalms 100:4 (NLT)** - "Enter his gates **with thanksgiving**; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name."

WHY ARE WE TO PRAISE GOD?

Psalms 33:1 (NLT) - "Let the godly sing for joy to the LORD; it is fitting for the pure to praise Him."

- **Fitting** = becoming, beautiful, comely, and appropriate.

Psalms 147:1 (NLT) - "Praise the LORD! How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful and how fitting!"

- God's _____ in your day is quite important to have with you throughout the day.
- **PRAISE INVITES GOD TO "MAKE YOUR DAY."** **Psalms 118:24 (NLT)** - "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."

THE PRINCIPLES, PORTRAITS AND PAIRING OF PRAISE:

Psalms 118:21 (NKJV) - "I will praise You, for You have answered me and have become my salvation."

Psalms 119:171 (NKJV) - "My lips shall utter praise, for You teach me Your statutes."

Psalms 138:2 (NKJV) - "I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your Name, for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

Psalms 100:4 (NKJV) - "Enter into His gates with **thanksgiving**, and into His courts with **praise**. **Be thankful** to Him and **bless His Name**."

Psalms 150:6 (NKJV) - "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"

- We see some big principles, portraits and patterns that are paired in these verses of Scripture. We see:
(1) Praise begins with a _____ and the _____ decision to Praise God. **(2)** _____ and _____ follows a pattern of progression so to speak to accessing and experiencing God's Presence. **(3)** Praise that reaches God requires _____ as well as _____.
- *WHEN YOU HAVE GOD'S PRESENCE, IT QUENCHES YOUR _____.* *WHEN YOU LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE, HE TAKES OVER YOUR _____ LIFE.* *GOD COMES TO US WHEN WE FOLLOW HIS _____!*
- This _____, although it does not follow a strict order, may be seen in the seven (7) Hebrews words used to describe the various dimensions of _____ of praise. They are:
- **(1) Today** = sacrifices of thanksgiving; the result of a conscious choice that takes us beyond our feelings and preferences. It causes us to praise God no matter what is going on in our life and no matter how uncomfortable we are with the **FORMS OF** _____ the Holy Spirit leads us into.
- **(2) Yadah** = to confess; to praise; thanksgiving with hands extended in adoration; it refers primarily to extending the hands in reverence or worship.
- **(3) Halal** = praising with abandon; to shine; to make a show; to boast; to rave; it suggests a sense of foolishness or abandonment in praise. Therefore, some people won't praise God with _____ because they are too dignified or disinterested in abandoning themselves to praise God. It is the root word for the word we know as: _____ - translated as "Praise the Lord!"
- **(4) Shabach** = shouting with a sense of triumph; to address in a loud voice. The word includes the words _____, _____, _____, and _____. When we address the Lord with a loud voice of _____, we commend Him for His character and nature and command Him to fulfill all He has said He will do. We approach Him with _____ because we want Him to respond to our need.
- **(5) Zamar** = making music; to sing. This means to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument with the sense of playing it or of making music that is accompanied by the voice. Thus, _____ has the connotation of celebration with _____ and _____.
- **(6) Barak** = blessing God; to bless God as in an act of adoration. _____ therefore carries with it a sense of hushed expectancy and often comes when the Holy Spirit begins to minister, move and manifest, filling the praise that has been offered.
- **(7) Tehillah** = singing spiritual songs; to praise; to make laudation. (Spontaneously).
- _____ starts with the _____ of a willing heart and a contrite (humble and yielded) spirit.
- **Read Psalms 35:18 (NKJV); Psalms 66:8 (NKJV); Psalms 147:7 (NKJV); Psalms 145:10 (NKJV); Psalms 92:1 (NIV) and Psalms 149:1 (NIV)**