



**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

**TWCC Teaching Connection Outline:** "The Relationship of Praise and Worship"

**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 RELATIONSHIP OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

**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."

- \_\_\_\_\_ is seeking God. \_\_\_\_\_ is being found by Him. **WORSHIP** is important to God!

- **Read John 4:20 - 24 (NKJV)**
- These verses from the lips of Jesus our Lord clearly show several things about the importance of \_\_\_\_\_:
  - **(1)** True \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ the Father in spirit and truth.
  - **(2)** Our Heavenly Father God is seeking true worshippers to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
  - **(3)** Those who \_\_\_\_\_ God must worship in spirit and truth.
- Our Father God loves us and wants to \_\_\_\_\_ us! All He wants you to do is \_\_\_\_\_ Him for Who He is and \_\_\_\_\_ Him for what He has done. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are like twins.
- If you have to have a bunch of people around you before you can \_\_\_\_\_ God, your relationship with God is half sick. We must make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as way of living.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is our building a house for God. \_\_\_\_\_ is God moving into that house.
- **Our Father God responds to people who have a deep hunger for Him. Psalms 42:1 - 2 (NKJV)** - "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. <sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?"
- This heart cry of David is the entreaty of every true worshipper. Where is God? How can I build a road to where He is so that I may be with Him? Our focus must be on Him, and He must be our \_\_\_\_\_.
- **WALKING IN GOD'S WAYS AND OBEYING HIM IN ALL THINGS IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A HINDRANCE. YET WE OFTEN TREAT GOD AS SUCH. WHEN THINGS BECOME A LITTLE DIFFICULT. WE ARE QUICK TO ASSUME THAT COMING TO CHURCH AND GIVING GOD OUR FULL ATTENTION IS AN IMPOSITION RATHER THAN A BLESSING. HOW WRONG WE ARE!**
- **Joshua 24:15 (NIV)** - "But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."
- \_\_\_\_\_ God is always this way - a \_\_\_\_\_! We cannot keep the idols of our heart and expect to receive the gift of His presence. Many times, \_\_\_\_\_ is, therefore, an essential ingredient of seeking and praising Him. We must return to Him on a daily basis so He can turn to us.
  - **Psalms 9:10 (NIV)** - "Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek You."
  - Notice that \_\_\_\_\_ is a necessity if we are to genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. Otherwise, we will take matters into our own hands when we don't like what is happening in our life or we don't understand the path God has set before us.
  - **Proverbs 8:17 (NIV)** - "I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me find Me."
- Simply, put \_\_\_\_\_ is the climax of \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is what praise is all about: Seeking God until He graces us with His manifested Presence. Once He is present, everybody and everything else is dismissed.