

Praise and Worship: Attitudes and Actions – Part 2

Introduction

We were made to worship! God made it the fabric of our very being!

Ecclesiastes 3:11 “He [God] has made everything beautiful in its time. **He has also set eternity in their heart**, without which man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning to the end.”

God is eternal. He is the only eternal being. He made man in His image, so we will only be satisfied when we are filled up with the presence of the Eternal God! Worship is how we connect with our holy, eternal Lord and praise is the expression of worship that flows from our hearts in singing and thanksgiving.

Humble, Boastful Praises

- 1) **Halal**: To boast. To rave. To celebrate. To be clamorously foolish.
David's return from slaying Goliath and routing the Philistines – 1 Samuel 18:6-7;
David and the return of the ark of God – 2 Samuel 6:12-16, 20-23
- 2) **Shabach**: To address in a loud tone. To shout. To commend, glory, and triumph.
Psalm 98 “...shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Break forth...”
Psalm 150 There's nothing quiet or peaceful about this Psalm!
Zeph 3:17 How about being like God, who shouts over us with joy!!
- 3) **Barak**: To kneel. To bless in adoration.
Ps 95:6; Php 2:10; Rev 11:15-16 Visible and audible expressions of praise
Uninhibited expression of yourself during your personal devotions.
Expressing yourselves in the midst of the congregation
Be considerate of your neighbor and the speaker!
Be faithful to God – sing with all your heart; Clap during songs Ps 47:1
We want you to have freedom, but it is still within boundaries of loving your neighbor.

Trusting, Thankful Praises

- 1) **Yadah**: To worship with extended hands. To hold out the hands. To throw or cast.
Nu 15:19,20 “...lift up an offering to the Lord.” Wave offering (Ex 29:24,26-7).
Ps 28:2 Praises God through total trust in His help.
Ps 119:48 Trusting that obedience to Him is good and for our benefit.
Ps 63:4; Ps 67:3,5 “ the upheld hands pictured both the ascent of prayer and the readiness to receive every good gift that comes from God.”
- 2) **Todah**: Extend the hand. Thanksgiving. Hymns or choirs of thank offerings.
Ps 100 A Psalm for Thanksgiving.
Ps 106 A history of Israel's rebelliousness and God's Deliverances.
Ps 107:21-22 give thanks, sacrifices of thanksgiving
Nehemiah 12:27-29; 31,38,42b-43, 45-46
This has always been the way of worship for the people of the One, True God!

Singing Praises to Almighty God Brings brings it All Together!

1) **Zamar** : To make music. To celebrate in song and music. To touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument.

Not just vocals, but instrumental as well. Ps 150; Nehemiah, David before the ark
Every one of the Psalms is a song of praise to God!!! Ps 100:2

Not just the Psalms, but also the Pentateuch, Prophets, Gospels and Epistles:

Song of Moses and Israel: Ex 15 after the Lord saved them from the Egyptians

Habakkuk: "For the choir director, on my stringed instruments."

The Magnificat, Mary's song: Luke 2:45-55. Poetic at minimum, if not a spontaneous song! Portions are from the Psalms.

Philippians 2:6-11 was most likely a hymn sung by the early church.

Timothy 3:16 is part of an early church hymn.

2) **Tehillah**: A hymn. A song of praise. A new song. A spontaneous song.

Ps 22:25; Ps 33:1; Ps 34:1

Ps 96:1-2 New as in brand new for the first time or singing it with a fresh view in perspective what is happening at that very moment, though it is a familiar song.

Long-standing hymns in new context of a trial or with a new tune

Personal tunes to Scriptures or singing prayers or personal testimony songs.

Revelation 5:9-10: "And they sang a new song, saying, ..."

His Praise is our Delight

Songs of praise to our God are our destiny as is seen in The Revelation.

Revelation 5:9,10 as we just saw above.

Revelation 15:3-4 The song of Moses and the song of the Lamb – songs of praise for deliverance from beginning to the end for His people!

Revelation 19:1-6 Just before the Lord returns - The Fourfold Hallelujah.

Our Good Is God's Delight from Solid Joys: Daily Devotionals from John Piper.

"God's pursuit of praise from us and our pursuit of pleasure in Him are one and the same pursuit... For God, praise is the sweet echo of His own excellence in the hearts of His people. For us, praise is the summit of satisfaction that comes from living in fellowship with God."

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

Tell of His glory among the nations,

His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

Psalm 96:1-4