

Developing A Life of Prayer

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“Praise”

I. *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. – Ps 100:4*

A. *The Difference between Thanksgiving and Praise*

1. *Thanks/ Thanksgiving*

a. **eucharisteo** - *to be grateful, (actively) to express gratitude (towards); specially, to say grace at a meal:--(give) thank(-ful, -s).*

b. **eucharistia** - *gratitude; actively, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship):--thankfulness, (giving of) thanks(-giving).*

2. *Praise*

a. *When used toward God*

i. **ainos** - *properly, a story, but used in the sense of 1868 (epainos); praise (of God):--praise.*

- *Mt 21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"*

- *Lu 18:43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.*

ii. **aineo** - *to praise (God):--praise.*

- *Lu 19:37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,*

- *Re 19:5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"*

iii. **doxa** - *dignity, glory(-ious), honor, praise, worship.*

- *Jo 9:24 So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."*

- *Joh 12:43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.*

- *1Pe 4:11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

- *Normally translated as “honor” or “glory”*

iv. **humneo** - *to hymn, sing a religious ode; to celebrate (God) in song:--sing a hymn (praise unto).*

- *Ac 16:25 ¶ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.*
- *Heb 2:12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."*
- v. **ainesis** - a praising (the act), a thank(-offering):--praise.
 - *Heb 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.*
 - *Used only here in NT*
- b. *When used of Man or God*
 - i. **epainos** - laudation; a commendable thing:--praise.
 - *Ro 2:29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.*
 - *Ro 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.*
 - *1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.*
 - *2Co 8:18 And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches,*
 - *Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.*
 - *Eph 1:12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.*
 - *Eph 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*
 - *Php 1:11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*
 - *Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.*
 - ii. **epaineo** - to applaud, commend, laud, praise.
 - *Ro 15:11 And again: "Praise (**epainos**) the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud (**epaineo**) Him, all you peoples!"*
 - *1Co 11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.*
 - *1Co 11:17 ¶ Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse.*

- *1Co 11:22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.*
- *1Pe 1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*
- *1Pe 2:14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.*

B. Application

- 1. To give thanks is to recognize what God has done, this would include the affirming or stating what He has done and thanking Him.*
- 2. Praise deals more with Celebrating, showing forth the worth or greatness of God, dealing with who He is rather than what He has done.*
 - a. For what can we praise God*
 - i. Who He Is*
 - *His Attributes - Ac 17:29 "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.*
 - *What He has done or is doing is based on who He is*
 - i. 2Ti 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*
 - ii. Ro 11:22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.*
 - ii. What He has done shows His greatness – Creation*
 - *Ro 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*
 - *Ps 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.*
 - *Ac 14:17 "Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."*
 - iii. What He is doing*
 - *Conforming you to the image of Christ – Ro 5:3-5; Jas 1:2*
 - *His plan being worked out in the Political realm*
 - i. Mt 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.*
 - ii. Mt 24:44 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

- Saving people e- Lu 15:7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.
- b. *The Benefits of Praise*
 - i. *A reminder of God's greatness, love, and grace increasing the potential of faith –*
 - Mt 3:9 "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
 - Ro 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?
 - ii. *A reminder of our position increasing the potential of humility*
 - *A necessity for the filling of the Spirit*
 - i. Jo 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
 - ii. 2Co 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,
 - *A necessity for receiving more grace*
 - i. 1Pe 5:5 ¶ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."
 - ii. Jas 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."