

SUBJECT :

Sing Praises To The Creator

BIBLE BASIS:

Lesson Scripture: Ps. 145:1-13

BIBLE TRUTH:

We Must Give God Praise

MEMORY VERSE:

Ps. 145:8

Lesson Aim

**That your students will realize that
praise is not something you do
because you feel like it. Isa. 54:1-5**

Introduction

- There are different levels of praise. Corporate praise is the ultimate goal. Ps. 150:1-6
- Praise begins with us, it comes from the human will. Praise is not worship and worship is not praise. Worship occurs at a higher level of praise. Worship occurs when God response to your praise and begins to move in our worship in a supernatural way. Ps. 22:3, 2Chr. 5:12-14
- We cannot have a call to worship until we first have a call to praise. Worship begins with God. It is a result of praise when the two meet there is a crescendo of healing. Ps. 103:1-5, Act 2:1-4
- The Holy Spirit is necessary for praise. The Holy Spirit frees you to worship him. We worship when we loose all our personal inhibitors and shut out all the things in our environment that distracts us.
- The priest, the singer, the trumpeters, praised God 24 hours a day. They had shifts. Mark 10:25-37, Matt. 9:10-13
- The priest were not distracted or unsure of their praise. They expected a hot praise meeting because they understood what it took to cause God to manifest his presences. Jer. 33:11
- Our problem is we are too dependant on our feelings as a condition for praise. Praise is an act of the will, not how you feel. Jon. 2:9
- We depend too much on the organ the drums, the singers the preacher to make us feel like praising God. If you wait for the music to move you, you are not offering God anything. John 4:23

Seven Levels Of Praise

- **Todah** – is the first level of praise which is an act of the will whereby one extends the hands to God accepting and expecting. Heb. 13:15
- **Yadah** - is the second level of praise when the spirit gets control of your body and your mind to praise God. You start to enjoy it at this point. It is still an act of the will. Ps. 116:17, Gen. 29:35
- **Halal** – is the third level of praise which is to be clear, to make a show, boasting, dancing. David danced with all his might. His wife said, “David be cool,” however, Dave was so happy that the ark had just returned, he dance out of his clothes. It was at this level that Lucifer became prideful. Ps. 34:1-4, 23, Isa. 14:12-14
- **Zamar**- To touch the musical instruments. Notice musical instrument are not introduced until the fourth level. I wonder why we start with the musical instrument? Ps. 150:1-6
- **Barak** – is the fifth level where everything stops and everyone kneels and expect to receive. To wait for God to respond. Isa. 40:28-31
- **Taheila** - The resident song of the spirit in you. It is a song in you. To sing in the spirit. This is not a song you learned out of a book. This is one song you can see and hear. Ps. 40:3, 1Corn. 14:14,
- **Shavach** – is the seventh level and time to command to and shout to God concerning the works of your hands. At this level God is saying tell me what you want me to do. John 15:7

Praise An Act Of The Will

- Psalm 145:1-2 David's Psalm of praise. I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. [2] Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
- David makes a conscious decision to praise God for being in his life. To extol someone means to lift them up, esteem very highly. David had a personal relationship with God and recognizes him as king or ruler over all of creation.
- David blessed his name because in the ancient world a person's name conveyed the essence of who he was. David saw his relationship with God forever. Praise for David was daily and never ending.
- Believers must make a conscious decision to praise God for all the things he has done for us. 2Cor. 1:20, Isa. 55:11.
- It is called the sacrifice of praise for it is not an act of the emotions it is an act of the will. The word *todah* is only used at this first level of praise. If we never get past this step we will never get to the next level. To stand before the Lord with outstretched hands and praise God with a loud voice is not done because we feel like it. Praise is an act of the will. Psalm 27:6
- In the light of this word is it biblically correct to look for a feeling as a condition to praise the Lord? Jonah. 2:9, Heb. 13:15

We Must Praise Him

- [3] Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. [4] One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. [5] I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works
- How great is great and how great is God. We cannot discuss all the depth of Gods greatness because he is infinite and we are finite creatures. However, I think it would be safe to say, “He is so high you can’t get over him. He is so low you cant go under him. He is so wide you cant get around him.” But then, he is so near that he says, I stands at the door and knock if any man shall open unto me I will come in and sup with him and he with me. Rom. 11:33-36, Rom. 10:8-10,
- Christianity is just one generation for extinction. As parents we must praise God for his works and declare his mighty act to our children. Israel was instructed to teach their children. Due. 6:6-8
- Charity begins at home and then spreads abroad. We have been charged to raise our children in the fear and adoration of God. Is the salvation of our children and option or should it be a priority in our life as a believer.?
- Praise has nothing to do with building God up. God doesn’t have an ego. We don’t make him change through our praise. He needs us to praise Him so he can open us up and pour into you. Ps. 22:3

Praise Changes You

- [6] And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. [7] They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.
- We have been created to praise God. It is our number one requirement Praise is for our benefit. We are so concerned about others and excepted by the public that peoples spirits are stagnated.
- Praise effects us. How? and Why? Prov. 27:21 As the refining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise. The pot is made hot by the fire and the silver is refined. Pure gold is a liquid the heat melts the gold and the rock substance separates and comes to the surface. Our praise is not pure there are things we have done in our past, then our praise is mixed with my family problems, how do you get the gold purer you put the heat to it. You just keep praising God and your praise works on you and you work on your praise until you become a walk of praise.
- Man must refine his praise and his praise refines him. The only way you become a good praiser is to do it. The hotter the fire the finer the gold becomes. The more you praise the more you want to praise. You must be willing to praise. Praise is a ministry. Psa 102:18-22



Gods Character

- [8] The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. [9] The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.
- David has spoken about how both he and Gods people would praise Him. He now proceed to do so.
- The first aspect of Gods character that David mentions is His grace. Why? Apart from Gods grace we could have no relationship with Him. Grace is the necessary starting point. Ps. 103:10-12
- Then he mentions compassion. He cares for us and does not deal with us according to the harshness we deserve. Ps.103:13-14
- God is slow to anger. He is patient with his people. We should be grateful that He doesn't explode with anger each time we fall short. This doesn't mean he doesn't get angry, but He directs his anger on his enemies which deserves it. Isa. 63:1-4
- God also has a common grace to all men. Although not all people enter into a saving relationship with God, he extends certain blessings to all mankind. Matt. 5:45
- Gods goodness is especially evident in the mercy he shows to all people. This is not a mercy that extends forever, but does account for why man is allowed life and a measure of enjoyment at all in light of his sinfulness. Lam 3:22

For The Sake Of The Kingdom

- [10] All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. [11] They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; [12] To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
- Everything we see was made by God and everything God made was made with you in mind. David said in another place that the very heavens declare the glory of God. Ps. 19:1 Gen. 1:30-31
- Of all people, the saints must bless the Lord. Jesus said if we didn't the very stones would cry out. Luke 19:37-40
- We must bless him for we know everything he made was made for us. We must bless him because we owe him everything. The Lord is expecting his people to testify of his goodness to every generation. Reconciliation is the message for this generation. 2Corn. 5:17-19
- We must preach repent for the kingdom of heaven has come to earth. We have a tendency to preach more about the sweet by and by. However, the preaching of the kingdom of God is about the here and now. A kingdom that has everything we could ever need or possibly want, a Kingdom of overabundant and inexhaustible supply. Most people are not so much concerned about heaven as they are about how to live victorious in this life. John 10:10

For The Sake Of The Kingdom

- [13] Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
- The repeated use of the word kingdom in this passage shows how important gods rule is. In fact the establishment of Gods kingdom is the central purpose of all creation Gods eternal rule manifest itself in each generation of history. 2Sam 7:12-16
- Like a King to his kingdom or a Father to his son, there is some things that never change, God created the kingdoms of this world and everything in it for one reason to have man share in the rulership in the earth with him. So after creation he gave them male and female dominion or rule in the earth realm with him. Gen. 1:26-28
- We must come to the realization of who we are in the kingdom and in our Fathers house. We are kings and priest, sons and daughter. This relationship we have with God makes us royalty. We are the offspring's of the King of Kings, We are the children of the Lord of Lord. We were born again to rule the world. 1Pet 2:9
- This is why in the message of Jesus, when He described the age of the Kingdom of God and its provision for man, His indication was that this Kingdom belonged to man before earth was created. Mat 25:34

Stand Still And See The Salvation Of The Lord

- 2Chron. 20:17-22 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you. [18] And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord. [19] And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high. [20] And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. [21] And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.
- [22] And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

Power Of Praise

- Johacipheth going into battle praising the Lord. Against an enemy with guns, knives, spears. The glory of God came so strong the enemy got confused and began to kill themselves. Ps 50:23
- To offer praise is an act of the will. To order is to bring under control. Conversation is our life style without a life of holiness your praise is useless. Holy living prepares the believer for praise. Jos 3:5, Hos 6:6
- When we decide to praise God your mind is scattered your thoughts are all over the place. Our body is tired your soul is scattered and you must get yourself together to praise.
- Then your spirit takes control of the tired body the scattered mind. Salvation means to be made whole, completion, if you praise me correctly I will make you whole. If you wait for the music to move you, you are not offering God anything.
- If you thank God you must lift your hand first and your eyes to God and give him thanks. That is the first thing. offer him praise and get your body and mind right I will show you my salvation. It is called a sacrifice of praise for we must bring our bodies in subjection to the word of God.
- There is only 2 times you can praise the Lord when you feel like it and when you don't. they both will give you the victory. Your spirit then can consume your wondering thoughts by praising God out of a decision. Matt. 13:23

Power Of Praise

- 2 Chron. 5:6-14 Solomon in the temple
- Joshua 6:1-5 The Battle of Jericho
- Judges 5:2- Deborah and Barak
- 2Chron. 20:17-22 Johaciphet
- Luke 25:51-53, Acts 2:1-4
- Acts 16:25-28 Paul and Silas prayed and praised