

# AN EXPLORATION OF BIBLICAL PRAISE, Part 3

- Praise is a key cog in the wheel of our fellowship of God!
- It's not just about singing hymns, lifting our hands on Sunday, or reciting verses of scripture from memory. It's about acknowledging the greatness of our God in a way that transcends our circumstances, influences our attitudes and draws us into a deeper connection with the Creator.
- Praise is not merely a ritual or a religious routine, it is a dynamic and life-changing expression of the relationship with the Almighty.

## I. WHAT IS PRAISE

### A. Commentary Perspective

#### 1. Matthew Henry:

- An act of worship wherein we give unto God the glory due His name. It is done out of delight and not out of duty.

#### 2. Barnes' Notes on the Bible:

- A public declaration of God's attributes and works. It is a reflection of a heart attuned to God's goodness!

#### 3. Jamieson, Fausset and Brown:

- Involves adoration, thanksgiving, and joyful celebration! Praising God is an acknowledgement of His greatness and goodness, expressed by our love and reverence.

#### 4. Pulpit Commentary:

- The recognition of God's character works and attributes. Praise is the believer's response to God's grace and mercy.

## B. Biblical Language Perspective

### Old Testament...

#### 1. Yadah

- To give thanks; to confess one's dependence upon God.
- Psalm 42:5

#### 2. Barak

- To kneel down; to bless God as an act of adoration and surrender
- Psalm 95:6

#### 3. Halal

- To boast; to celebrate God in a loud extravagant manner
- Psalm 150

#### 4. Tehillah

- A song of praise; expressing adoration and worship
- Psalm 22:3

## 5. Zamar

- Musical/instrumental adoration of God
- Psalm 33:2-3

## 6. Todah

- A confession of thanksgiving, often associated with gratitude for God's deliverance
- Psalm 50:23

## New Testament...

### 1. Aineo

- To celebrate; to express approval or admiration.
- Revelation 19:5

### 2. Epainos

- To express favorable judgment or acclaim.
- Ephesians 1:6

### 3. Hymneo

- To sing praise, to express praise through music or song
- Colossians 3:16

### 4. Eulogeo

- To bless, speak well of or give thanks
- Matthew 26:26-27
- 2 Corinthians 9:5-6

## II. WHY DO WE PRAISE?

### 1. Recognition of God's Attributes

- Psalm 145:3
- When we lift our voice in praise to God, we signify our awareness of His greatness, holiness, power, presence and incomprehensible character.
- Psalm 95:1-4
- It is through our expressions of praise we acknowledge God's sovereignty and declare His worthiness.

### 2. Response to God's Faithfulness

- Psalm 103:1-2
- Praise is a deliberate act of remembering and expressing gratitude for the bountiful blessings the Lord grants us.
- Psalm 136:1-3

### 3. Invitation to God's Presence

- Psalm 22:3

- Inhabitest – Yashab (Hebrew) – to sit, dwell or abide
- Praise creates an atmosphere where God’s presence is not only acknowledged, but actively welcomed.

**III. BENEFITS OF PRAISE**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_**

- Praise reflects humility, acknowledging our \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ creating a space where \_\_\_\_\_ is  
welcomed.
- Praise creates a \_\_\_\_\_.  
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- Praise provides us an avenue in which we \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, allowing us to experience \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ with His presence.  
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- Ultimately, incorporating praise into our daily routine, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
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**2. \_\_\_\_\_**

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- Praise is a reminder that \_\_\_\_\_; that we are  
not alone. His presence brings \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- Starting our tasks and assignments with praise, opens us up to \_\_\_\_\_ for God positioning us in a particular place at a particular time.
  
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4. \_\_\_\_\_

- Our praise should serve as a constant reminder to us that our \_\_\_\_\_!
  
- Gratitude is the \_\_\_\_\_. I'm grateful because:
  - God expects it of us
    - \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - His Provision
    - \_\_\_\_\_

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