

“PRAISE AND WORSHIP: THERE IS A DIFFERENCE”

Part I - Matthew 21:15-16; John 4:21-24

The Word of God makes a distinction between PRAISE and WORSHIP. When you are backed against the wall, you want to do both, because this is a sure way of deliverance.

WHAT IS PRAISE? Praise is an expression of thanking God for what He has done. It is declaring to God with your mouth His attributes and letting Him know that you are grateful for His mercy and grace. Praise is commending and giving honor. Praise is thanking God and telling Him how much you appreciate everything He continues to do in your life.

Then what is the difference between praise and worship? Simply defined, PRAISE IS THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE, AND WORSHIP IS COMMENDING GOD FOR WHO HE IS. In part one of this two part sermon on praise and worship I want to share what the Bible says is praise and next Sunday, God willing, we will study worship.

I. The Blind, Lame and Children Thanked Jesus with Praise – Matthew 21:12-16

II. Even Stones Will Praise Jesus – Luke 19:37-40

PRAISE BRINGS DELIVERANCE

When trouble, confusion, pain and hurts have you almost level with the ground; when all hopes seem gone and you feel all alone, that is the perfect time to praise God. The old hymn says, “Count Your Blessings, Name Them One By One.” It is so easy to forget just how good God has been and what He has brought you through when tragedy and misfortune are your constant companions. Paul and Silas, in the 16th Chapter of Acts, were at one of their most challenging moments when everything and everyone had turned against them. They were praising God for what He had already done and God, in Acts 16:26, sent an earthquake that shook the jail to its foundation. The Bible says, “The doors opened, and the chains fell from Paul and Silas.”

When you pray in faith, you can start singing praises: Faith says, “I know my God heard me.” Faith says, I know my God will answer me.” Faith says, I have the answer before I can even see it.”

III. Verses of Praise To Study Because Of:

- A. His Majesty – Psalm 96:1, 6; Isaiah 24:14
- B. His Glory – Psalm 138:5; Ezekiel 3:12
- C. His Excellence – Exodus 15:7; Psalm 148:13
- D. His Greatness – 1 Chronicles 16:25; Psalm 145:3
- E. His Holiness – Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 6:3
- F. His Wisdom – Daniel 2:20; Jude 1:25
- G. His Power – Psalm 21:13
- H. His Deliverance – Psalm 40:1-3; 124:6

IV. Praise Should Be Offered:

- A. With understanding – 1 Corinthians 14:15
- B. With the Soul – Psalm 103:1; 104:1, 35
- C. With uprightness of heart – Psalm 119:7
- D. With the lips – Psalm 63:3; 119:171
- E. With the mouth – Psalm 51:15; 63:5
- F. With joy – Psalm 63:5; 98:4
- G. Forever and ever – Psalm 145:1, 2

H. As a part of public worship – Psalm 9:14; 100:4; 118:19, 20; Hebrews 2:12

V. God Uses Praise and Obedience to Defeat Your Enemies – 2 Chronicles 20

They praised God then for deliverance. Praise Him TODAY for deliverance, because GOD NEVER CHANGES – Hebrews 13:8. **Never stop praising God!!!**