

What Does It Mean To Praise God?

The old French word meant: "to prize."
To prize a thing means to value it, esteem
and cherish it.

**So when we praise God, we
give Him glory, honor and
respect that is due Him.**

How Can We Praise God?

Prayer

- Acts 4:23-31
- Eph. 3:20-21 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen"

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Song

- Israel was delivered, they sang (Ex. 15:1-8)
- Joshua was chosen, they sang (Deut. 32:1-43)
- The Canaanites were defeated, they sang (Jdgs. 5:1-31)
- Jesus was born, they sang (Lk. 2:14)
- Redeemed in heaven, they sang (Rev. 15:3-4)

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Worship

- Why are we here?
 - To praise and worship God (Jno. 4:23, 24)
 - To be edified (Acts 20:7)
 - To stir one another up (Heb. 10:24)
 - To have fellowship (Acts 2:42)

Why Should We Praise God?

For what He is (148:5)

- "...from the heavens praise His name"
 - "'And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you'" (Ex. 3:14)

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- “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth’” (Ex. 34:6)
- “The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe” (Pro. 18:10)

Why Should We Praise God?

For what He has done

- Creative acts “they were made at His command” (148:5)
- Gives His people strength “Has exalted the horn of His people” (148:14)

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For what He does

- **Heals** "He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds" (Psa. 147:3)
- **Takes pleasure in His people** "For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation" (Psa. 149:4).
- **Faithful in His decree** "He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away" (Psa. 148:6)

Questions

- **We Praise God for:**
 - **What He is**
 - **What He has done**
 - **What He is doing**
- **What about us?**
 - **What are WE?**
 - **What have WE done?**
 - **What are WE doing?**