

Worship Seminar – Session 1 (Sat, 14 Jan 2006)

Gods Instructions for Praise

The Scriptures are full of God's instructions to His people on becoming praisers and worshipers of Him. It is important to spend time reading from His Word so that we will know:

Why we should praise Him

Who should praise Him

When we should praise Him

Where we should praise Him

WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE THE LORD?

Because He Is:

>Worthy of Thanks Psalms 107:1,2,8

>Worthy of Praise 2 Samuel 22:4; Psalm 48:1; Psalm 96:4; Psalm 145:3

>Mighty in Acts Psalm 150:2

He is the ultimate authority, the highest power. He is before all things, and greater than all things.

Chose Us

Luke 10:20

>To Glorify God

Psalm 50:23; Psalm 69:30

Commanded to Praise

> Through David Psalm 149:1

> Through Paul Ephesians 5:19

> Through John Revelation 19:5

Because It's Good Psalms 92:1,2

Because It's Pleasant Psalm 147:1

Because It's Beautiful Psalm 33:1

There is a fear of praising God for some, because they do not feel it is dignified. This is contrary to the Word of God. 2 Samuel 6:14-16,21-23

God Dwells in Praise

Psalm 22:3

If our heart is filled with praise, it is filled with God. If our home is filled with praise, it is filled with God. We can surround ourselves with the Presence of God by surrounding ourselves with praise.

Praise Releases Strength Nehemiah 8:10b; Psalm 28:7

Praise Brings Fulfillment

The praising soul enjoys being with the Lord, and God gives him the longings of his heart.

Psalm 37:4

Notice that praise is to come first, before we receive. That's because praise puts our priorities in order, and then God can grant us the desires of our heart.

Praise Brings Victory Psalm 18:3; 2 Chronicles 20:21,22
Even in the everyday battles of life, praise leads the way to victory.

WHO SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD?

All Flesh	Psalm 145:216; Psalms 103:1,2
Everything with Breath	Psalm 150:6; Psalms 67:3,5; Psalm 78:4; Psalm 79:13
The Righteous	Psalm 140:13
The Saints	Psalm 145:10
The Redeemed	Psalms 107:1,2
Those Who Fear the Lord	Psalm 22:23; Psalm 113:1; Psalm 134:1; Psalm 135:1
All His Angels	Psalm 148:2
All Nature	Psalms 148:7-10
Kings and Peoples	Psalms 148:11-13

WHEN ARE WE TO PRAISE THE LORD?

From Morning to Night	Psalm 113:3
All Day	Psalm 71:8; Psalm 146:2
Continually	Psalm 34:1; Psalm 42:11
Always	Ephesians 5:20

WHERE ARE WE TO PRAISE THE LORD?

In the Congregation	Psalms 22:22,25; Psalm 107:32; Psalm 149:1
In the Sanctuary	Psalm 150:
Among the Nations	Psalm 57:9
In His Courts	Psalm 100:4
Among the Multitudes	Psalm 109:30 I

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. Does praising God come naturally to you?
2. Do you have a clear understanding of what praise is?
3. Give three reasons why we should praise the Lord.
4. When are we to praise the Lord? Give one example from scripture and one from your own experience.
5. List three scriptures that you are going to memorize that will either encourage yourself or others to praise God.