

☞ Principles of Praise

The Bible repeatedly says, "Praise the Lord." It's referenced in the Bible more than many of our core doctrines. There is Purpose and Power in praise. There are many ways to praise the Lord, from singing and shouting, to lifting hands and bowing down. But Authentic Praise is really about offering your whole self to God.

So broadly speaking... all of life lived out for God is an act of worship and praise. But our text today speaks of praise and worship being expressed in the context of gathering together in a place of worship.

☞ The Arrangement of Praise

= the manner in which things are arranged; preparatory measures; plans; preparations

Psalm 100

☞ Recognize who God is

v. 3 know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us.

Know = to know by observing and reflecting; to know by experience

Lord = Yahweh; Jehovah; the self-existent one

God = the divine one; the supreme ruler and judge

Deuteronomy 4:39

Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the ☞ earth below. **There is no other.**

Psalms 95:3

☞ For the Lord is the great God, the great King **above all** gods.

☞ He made us = he is **the Creator**; he fashioned and formed us

Psalms 139:13-14

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. **14** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

v. 5 the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

☞ **He is Good** = favorable; pleasant; better; best

Psalms 119:68

You are good, and what you do is good;

☞ **His Love endures** = mercy; kindness; faithfulness

Psalms 36:5

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

Psalms 136 says “His love endures forever,” twenty six times.

☞ **He is faithful** = first use is in regards to Moses’ hands being held up by Aaron and Hur; God is firm, steadfast, and secure.

Psalms 146:6

the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

The Faithful God (Deuteronomy 7:9)

The Great God (Deuteronomy 10:17)

The Holy God (Isaiah 5:16)

The God of the Heavens (Psalm 136:26)

The God Who Sees (Genesis 16:13)

The God of Glory (Psalm 29:3)

The God of Knowledge (1 Samuel 2:3)

The God of Eternity or the God of the Universe (Genesis 21:33)

The God of Truth (Psalm 31:6)

The Faithful God (Deuteronomy 32:4)

The God of My Salvation (Isaiah 12:2)

The One God (Malachi 2:10)

The God of Compassion (Deuteronomy 4:31)

The Gracious God (Jonah 4:2)

The Righteous God (Isaiah 45:21)

God the All-Sufficient (Genesis 17:1)

The Most High God (Genesis 14:18)

The Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6)

The God who is with us (Isaiah 7:14).

Creator (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

God of Gods and Lord of Lords (Deuteronomy 10:17)

The Great, Mighty and Awesome God (Deuteronomy 10:17)

Father (Isaiah 64:8)

Holy One (Habakkuk 1:12)

Upright One (Isaiah 26:7)

Redeemer (Psalm 19:14)

Deliverer (Psalm 144:2)

Savior (Isaiah 45:15)

👉 That's My King video

👉 Remember who you are

v. 3 we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

👉 **We are His people** = his tribe; his kindred... this implies that we all share some basic characteristics, and that there is unity amongst us

1 Peter 2:9-10

👉 But you are a chosen people, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation, a people **belonging to God**, that you may declare the praises of him who **called you out of darkness** into his wonderful light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

👉 Sheep of His pasture = he tends to us and **watches over us**

John 3:36	I have eternal life.
John 8:31, 32	The truth has set me free.
John 14:20	I am in Christ and Christ is in me.
John 14:27	Jesus Christ has given me his peace.
John 15:9	I am loved by Jesus.
John 16:27	I am loved by the Father.
John 17:9	I belong to God.
John 17:13	I have the full joy of Jesus.
John 17:15	I am protected from the evil one.
John 17:17	I am sanctified in the truth of God's Word.
Acts 13:38	I have forgiveness of sins through Christ
Romans 5:19	I have been made righteous through the obedience of Christ.
Romans 6:6	I am no longer a slave of sin.
Romans 8:16	I am a child of God.
Romans 8:17	I am an heir of God and fellow heir with Christ.
Romans 8:28	All things are working together for my good.
Romans 12:6	I have been given spiritual gifts.
1 Corinthians 1-2	I am a sanctified saint in Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 2:16	I have the mind of Christ.
1 Corinthians 6:19	My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in me.
1 Corinthians 15:52	I will be raised from the dead imperishable.
1 Corinthians 15:53	I will put on immortality.
2 Corinthians 3:18	I am being transformed into the glory of the Lord.
2 Corinthians 5:7	I walk by faith, not by sight.
Galatians 5:22-23	I have the fruit of the Spirit...

Ephesians 1:4 I am holy and blameless before him.
 Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
 Philippians 4:19 God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory.
 1 Thessalonians 1:10 I am delivered from the wrath to come.
 1 Thessalonians 2:12 I am called into His own kingdom and glory.
 2 Timothy 1:7 I don't have a spirit of fear, but power & love & a sound mind.
 Hebrews 1:14 Angels have been sent out to minister to me.
 1 Peter 1:4 I have obtained an inheritance which will not fade away...
 1 Peter 2:10 I am part of the family of God and I have received mercy.
 1 John 4:14 I can have confidence that God hears my prayers.
 Revelation 19:7 I am the bride of Christ.

👉 Rejoice

Imagine for a moment that you were on the game show "Deal or No Deal." You got down to two cases: one dollar and one million dollars. You decide to go for it, and you won the million dollars! How would you react? Would you say, "Oh well, thank you very much?" No way! You would shout with the greatest joy. That's the atmosphere of this Psalm of celebration.

👉 **v. 1-2 Shout for joy** to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Some translations = make a joyful noise = to split the ears

It is the same word we see when Joshua fought the battle of Jericho. Joshua 6... Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!"...So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat.

Ever been to or watched a sporting event? Do you notice what happens when a crowd of anticipation sees the team take the field?

Vance Havner used to say, "The same church members who yell like Comanche Indians at a ball game on Saturday, sit like wooden Indians in church on Sunday." We need to get charged up about our faith in Christ. I'm not saying that we all have to yell and scream, whistle and shout, etc. but there should be some sign of enthusiasm to our Christianity.

👉 **Worship with gladness** = serve; work happily

Some people don't worship with gladness because they don't worship at all! We need to worship the Lord gladly. We should be glad about entering His courts or His church with praise. Do we even come with the idea of praising Him? Why do we come to church?

One cartoon shows a little boy sitting beside his father and mother at church. The little boy said to his father: "Mom wants to be home cooking dinner, you want to play golf, I want to play football. So why are we here?"

If you are happy about your relationship with the Lord, finding peace and joy in Him, knowing that you are heading to heaven, then you ought to be able to find joy in praising him when we come together each Sunday.

☞ **Joyful** = gladness, with your whole disposition, making your eyes light up

Songs = singing; a ringing cry; a shout for joy

Louis C.K. is generally unwatchable but he has a routine that starts with the line, "Everything's amazing right now, but nobody's happy." He goes on in his routine to poke fun at our ingratitude and impatience. He cites travelers who upon their return say, "That was the worst day of my life. First of all, we didn't board the plane for twenty minutes. And then we get on the plane, and they made us sit there on the runway for forty minutes." If we stop to think about that we might ask with a tinge of sarcasm, "O, really, and what happened next? Did you fly in the air, incredibly like a bird? Did you experience the miracle of human flight?" Everyone on any plane should be screaming, "Wow! We're flying! We are sitting on a chair in the sky and flying!" Incredibly, a few years ago a trip between New York and California would take months and a bunch of people would die along the way... "Everything is amazing, but nobody's happy."

Psalms 98:4-6

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; **5** make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, **6** with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn — shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

v. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Gates = tabernacle entrance

☞ **Thanksgiving** = confession of sins; also, a declaration of who God is; giving thanks for what he has done; an extending of the hand

Psalms 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. **2** Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits — **3** who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, **4** who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, **5** who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalms 103:10-12

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. **11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; **12** as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Praise = adoration; laudation

Give thanks = affirm his kindness; to revere or worship with extended hands

☞ **Praise his name** = to bless; to bow down

Name = his reputation and character; his renown

I read a story this week about an elderly retired medical missionary. He said that among the people he worked there was no word in their dialect for “thanks” or “thank you.” However, after receiving treatment in his clinic, in their dialect they would say, “I will tell your name!”

So we praise his name, giving thanks, and declaring his goodness.

☞ **Because we recognize who God is and how good and loving he is; and because we remember who we are... his people and He is always faithful to us, we rejoice. We shout for joy! We praise Him! We worship gladly, joyfully and thankfully!**

How Great is Our God