

The Power of Praise and Worship



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- Series: “The Power of a Transformed Life in Christ”
 - Theme: The Year of Refreshing – The word “refreshing” is synonymous to the word rejuvenate, revive, to renew, restore or to refortify.
 - Purpose – to teach us how to become effective and efficient in our walk with Christ as believers.
 - Goal – to allow the Holy Spirit to break down the spiritual barriers in our lives, so that we can maximize our growth and fulfill our God-given purpose.
- Lessons Taught:
 - The Power of a Transformed Life in Christ. (Romans 12:1-2)
 - The Power of a Transformed Mind. (Colossians 3:1-4, Proverbs 23:7)
 - The Power of God’s Word. (Hebrews 4:11-13)
 - The Power of the Tongue (James 3:1-12, Proverbs 18:21)

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- Today I want to talk to us about the Power of Praise and Worship. This is The Year of Refreshing. The Holy Spirit is being poured out upon all flesh. Men and women are daily coming out of darkness into His marvelous light.
 - Daily our lives can be refreshed and renewed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Like David (Psalm 42:1-2) – How many of you really want to draw closer into the presence of God and experience the intimacy and the life-changing experience of true worship?
 - Like David – How many of you really desire the streams of the living presence of God during these times of refreshing?
 - We were created to worship the Almighty God!!
1. The Creator – The Almighty God made sure that the created had everything they needed to live an effective life here in the earth. God made sure we had everything we need to function properly.

2. With everything that has been given to us by the Creator – Almighty God. Why are there saints walking around malfunctioning spiritually? You’re not functioning the way the Manufacturer (The Almighty God) created you to function.

- **There are saints that are spiritually out of order!**
- **The word “praise” means an expression of heartfelt gratitude and thanksgiving to God for all that He has done for us.**
- **It is a physical and vocal expression of our sincere appreciation to God.**

A. Nine Reasons Why Believers Should Praise God

- 1. Because God is worthy of thanks. (Psalm 107:1-2, 8)**
- 2. Because God is worthy of Praise. (2 Samuel 22:4)**
- 3. Because God is Great. (Psalm 48:1, 96:4)**
- 4. Because God is Good. (Psalm 34:8)**
- 5. Because it’s Good. (Psalm 92:1-2)**
- 6. Because it’s Pleasant and Beautiful. (Psalm 147:1, 33:1)**
- 7. Because it is a command from God. (Psalm 150:1-6)**

B. Who should Praise God?

- **Everything that is still living and breathing. (Psalm 150:6)**
- **All people. (Psalm 78:13)**
- **The Righteous. (Psalm 140:13)**
- **The Saints. (Psalm 145:10)**
- **The Redeemed. (Psalm 107:1-2)**
- **Those who fear the Lord. (Psalm 22:23)**
- **The Servants of God. (Psalms 113:1, 134:1, 135:1)**

C. The Nine Benefits of True Praise and Worship to God.

- 1. Praise and worship from the heart creates an atmosphere for the presence of God.**
- 2. Praise and worship from the heart prepares our heart for the Word of God.**
- 3. Praise and worship from the heart welcomes God’s indwelling presence in their lives. (Psalm 22:3)**

4. Praise and worship from the heart releases God's strength in our lives. (Psalm 28:7)
5. Praise and worship from the heart bring true satisfaction and fulfillment. (Psalm 63:1-5)
6. Praise and worship from the heart releases God to bring true victory in our lives. (Psalm 18:3, 2 Chronicles 20:1-30)
7. Praise and worship from the heart releases God to act on our behalf. (Acts 16:16-33)
8. Praise and worship from the heart bring us closer to God. (James 4:8)
9. Praise and worship from the heart reminds me of all God blessings and benefit. (Psalms 103:1-5)

D. Worship is the highest form of praise. (John 4:22-24)

1. Worship means to depress, prostrate, to bow down, fall down, or to humbly beseech.
2. Worship is the act of the inferior bowing before the superior – which is God.
 - We exist because of God and not the other way around.
 - We exist for God's glory and not for our glory!
3. Worship is a deep expression of reverence, honoring, a sense of awe, wonder and adoration for who God is (His character, His attributes, His nature).