

PRAYER STUDY 111

The Power of Praise

But thou art holy, O thou who inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Psalm 22:3

WHO SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD? (PSALM 148, 150, 103)

The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

Psalm 115:17

Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 150:6

GAINING FREEDOM IN PRAISE

1. Recognize that praise is a requirement. (Psalm 148)
2. Recognize that the goodness, mercy and faith of the Lord make Him worthy of praise. (Psalm 100:4-5; Rev. 4:11)
3. Surrender any bitterness against God for your person or circumstances. (Psalm 139:14-16)
4. Determine to please God rather than men. (Proverbs 29:25; 2nd Corinthians 5:9)
5. Be willing to sacrifice your pride, your traditions, and your personality in order to be obedient to God. (Hebrews 13:5-16)
6. Learn how to praise from scripture. (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16)

HOW TO PRAISE THE LORD

1. With the whole heart (Psalm 9:1, Psalm 138:1)
2. With praise that can be heard (Acts 16:25, Psalm 66:8, Psalm 17, Psalm 98:4)
3. With shouting (Psalm 47:1, 35:27, 95:1)
4. With singing (Psalm 47:6, 98:1)
5. With a joyful noise (Psalm 66:1-2)
6. With crying out (Isaiah 12:6, Psalm 89:26)
7. With laughter (Psalm 126:2)
8. With skill on musical instruments (Psalm 47, 33:2, 57:8, 150)
9. With thanksgiving (Psalm 69:30, Jonah 2:9)
10. By bowing and kneeling before Him (Psalm 9, Philippians 2:10-11, Ephesians 3:14)
11. By falling prostrate before Him (Neh 8:6; 2nd Chronicles 7:1-3)

12. With clapping of hands (Psalm 47:1, 98)
13. By raising of hands (Psalm 63:4, 134, 141:2, 1st Timothy 2:8)
14. With dancing (Psalm 30:11, 149:3, 150, 2nd Samuel 6:14)
15. By speaking in tongues (Jude 20, Romans 8:26-27, Acts 10:46, 1st Corinthians 14:16-17)

PSALM 150

Praise ye the Lord, Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the firmament
of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent
greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and
harp.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed
instruments and flutes.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals; praise Him upon the high sounding
cymbals.

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