



THE POWER OF PRAISE

1. **The importance of praise**

- God is Spirit and we must worship in spirit – Jhn 4:24
- It's a sacrifice of praise – Heb 13:15

2. **Praise means to:**

- Yadah - Lift up hands in victorious worship – 2 Chron 20:19-21
- Todah - Extending hands in adoration and thanksgiving – Ps 50:23
- Hallelujah - Boast about the Lord and His marvelous deeds –
- Shabach - Shout in triumph – Ps 117:1, Ps 63:3-4
- Barak - Kneel down in worship – Ps 95:6
- Zanar - to worship with musical instruments – Ps 57:8-9
- Tehillah - Boast in the lord with singing – Ps 22:3

3. **How to praise God**

1. Can be heard – Ps 66:8
2. Shouting – Ps 35:27
3. Singing – Ps 47:6
4. Thanksgiving – Ps 69:30
5. Joyful noise – Ps 66:1-2
6. Crying out – Is 12:6
7. Laughter – Ps 126:2
8. Musical instruments – Ps 33:2, 57:8, 150
9. Bowing and kneeling – Ps 95:6
10. Falling prostrate – Neh 8:6
11. Clapping – Ps 47:1
12. Uplifted hands – Ps 63:4
13. Dance – Ps 149:3, 150
14. Tongues – Acts 10:46

4. **Praise**

1. Brings a brand new garment – Is 61:3
2. Brings deliverance – Ps 50:23
3. Brings protection – Ps 59:17
4. Brings preservation – Ps 71:6-8
5. Is a weapon – Ps 149:6-9
6. Releases God in battle for you – 2 Chron 20:20-22

5. **Misconceptions**

- Anything that is enjoyable is wrong – 1 Thes 5:18
- Anything noisy is wrong – Ps 66:1
- Anything emotional is soulish – 2 Cor 5:13
- Anything physical is carnal – 2 Sam 6:14-16
- Worship must be rational and understood – 1 Cor 14:14

6. **The 2 groups of Worshipers**

- Mature worshipers
- Mixed worshipers

7. **Characteristics of mature worshipers**

- All enter into worship straight away
- Worship will be vocal and active
- Leaders direct influence is minimal
- Not concerned with time
- Unconcerned with surroundings and others

8. **Characteristics of mixed worshipers**

- Some worship, some act reverend, some are uninvolved
- Atmosphere will tend to quench the Holy Spirit
- The Worship leader must be strong and full of the Holy Spirit and constantly encourage
- There is always a tendency for the worship to taper down and at a set time
- They are easily distracted by children, noise, drafts etc

9. Worship leader must

- Lead people from the flesh into the Spirit
- They must be prayed up
- They must carry an anointing for worship (Because they have to change the atmosphere)
- They must know and give the direction for the worship session
- The volume of the worship team should be loud enough so that people don't hear themselves singing (If they hear themselves they become too self conscious)
- Chorus selection must have minimal chord changes and if there are the key should go up (The higher the key the more the congregation has to sing out – thus becoming less conscious)

10. Summary

God is looking for true worshipers