

The scriptures teach the importance of us, as believers, praising and thanking the Lord. We do it to express our reverence toward God, because He is Holy and eternal, and He is the Almighty God. There is none above Him and none like Him (Ps. 22:3; Ps. 22:23; Ps. 33:21 & Ps. 48:1).

We praise God because He's good and merciful (Ps.106:1). We praise the Lord continually and willingly, as a sacrifice unto Him (Hebrews 13:15, Psalm 34:1 & Psalm 54:6).

When we praise God, we show Him that we believe He's heard and answered our prayers (Philippians 4:6, John 6:11 & John 11:41).

Praising God strengthens our faith in Him and His Word (Romans 4:20).

We don't praise the Lord halfheartedly; God wants to hear us praise Him *from* our heart, and with our *whole* heart (Psalm 9:1, Psalm 86:12 & Psalm 111:1).

We praise God with our mouths (Psalm 50:23, Psalm 51:15, Psalm 35:27, 28 & Psalm 19:1-3).

We praise the Lord from the time we first get up, until we lie down at night (Psalm 113:1-3).

Who should praise the Lord? From Kings to children (Psalm 148:11-14). Everything that has breath should praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6).

When we praise God, we show Him that we believe and trust Him and His Word above our present physical circumstances and situations. When in the natural, there was no one to help Jonah out of his dilemma, he called out to God in prayer and began to thank God that he was delivered. God miraculously delivered Jonah (Jonah 2: 1, 9, & 10).

God had mercy upon Jonah and delivered him out of his troubles, even though he had disobeyed the Lord. On the other hand, Paul and Silas had obeyed God, and were severely persecuted for their service unto the Lord. The Bible says in Acts 16: 25 & 26 that their miracle came as they were praising God.

In another instance, a woman who did not have a covenant with God got her demon possessed daughter delivered through her persevering faith and her worship unto the Lord (Matthew 15: 21-28).

After a man with leprosy was healed for obeying the voice of the Lord, he worshiped and thanked the Lord, and he was made whole (Luke 17: 11-19).

Through David's sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord, God delivered him out of trouble on numerous occasions (Psalm 18:3 & 2 Samuel 22:4, 18).

The benefits that you and I receive from praising God are innumerable (Ps. 68:19; Ps.103:2-5; Ps. 107:20-22 & Ps. 112:1-3).

Scriptural Praises to the Lord:

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Eph. 5:20

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made

known unto God. Philippians 4:4,6

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: Colossians 1:12-14

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:16,17

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name. Hebrews 13:15

But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Peter 2:9

I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. Psalm 9:1

I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. Psalm 18:3

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright. Psalm 33:1

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. Psalm 34:1

Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness. Psalm 48:1

I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; *for it is* good. Psalm 54:6

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations. Psalm 100

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so *that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Psalm 103:1-5; 20,21

Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; *for he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. Psalm 106:1

Oh that *men* would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. Psalm 107:21,22

Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation. Psalm 111:1

O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 117:1-2

Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments. Psalm 119:164

O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. Psalm 136:1-9; 23-26

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 150:6

Faith's Praise Confession:

God, I praise Your Holy Name. Holy and worthy is Your Name! I give glory to Your Name, oh Lord, my God! Holy, worthy, and mighty are You, God! You reign over the heavens, the earth, and over all creation. You are my God, and Jesus is my Lord and Savior.

God, I bow down before You and lift my hands unto You, and I praise and worship You today for who You are: the Almighty God! There is none like You in heaven or on earth. There's none above You. You made the heavens and the earth, the sun, the moon, and the stars. You created the angels and mankind. You're all knowing and all-powerful! There's nothing in my life that You cannot take care of or get me through successfully.

God, You said, ***Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation*** (Psalm 91:14-16);

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19);

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son Colossians 1:13 ;

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree (Galatians 3:13);

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me

(Philippians 4:13);

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith (Mark 11:23).

And in 3 John 2, You said, ***Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.***

So I thank You, Father God, that according to Your Word, I'm delivered, I'm prosperous, and I'm healthy. You supply all of my needs abundantly. You've redeemed me from the curse of the law and I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me. By faith, I believe You have heard and answered all of my prayers.

I thank You that You never fail me or forsake me and that You never leave me.¹ You've forgiven me of all my sins, and cleansed me of all unrighteousness² and the angels of God encamp round about my loved ones and me.³ Daily, Your blessings overtake me.⁴ You provide me with divine protection⁵ and You never want me to be afraid or to worry.⁶ God, I believe in Jesus' Name, that You're perfecting everything that concerns my family and me,⁷ and I know that no one can take care of us like You can.

You provide me with divine health and healing, for You are my Great Physician.⁸ You provide me with divine prosperity,⁹ for the Lord is my shepherd; I do not want.¹⁰ You provide me with divine wisdom and help me in all of the affairs of my life.¹¹ You protect me from all evil and harm, and You keep me from falling.^{5 & 12} You lead me by the Holy Spirit. You enlighten me and encourage me through Your Word¹³ and reveal Your perfect will to me.¹⁴ You sustain me daily¹⁵ and abundantly supply all of my needs and desires,¹⁶ for You said in Ephesians 3:20 : ***Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.***

I thank You, Father God, for protecting me today and for leading me by Your Holy Spirit. I thank You for giving me wisdom in every situation, favor with every person, strength for every task, and discernment to know right from wrong. I thank You that the Holy Spirit gives me revelation knowledge from Your Word.

Anoint me to be a witness and help me to flow in the Holy Ghost and have the gifts of the Holy Spirit operate through me. Make me a blessing to whomever I come in contact with today. I thank You, Father God, that You're good and our mercy endureth forever, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References:

¹ Joshua 1:5 & Hebrews 13:5

² Isaiah 43:25 & 1 John 1:9

³ Psalm 34:7

⁴ Psalm 68:19 & Deut. 28:2

⁵ Psalm 91

⁶ Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:7 & Matt. 6:31-34

⁷ Proverbs 3:5, Hebrews 11:6 & Psalm 138:8

⁸ Exodus 15:26

⁹ 3 John 2 & Psalm 23:1

¹⁰ Psalm 23:1

¹¹ Proverbs, ch. 4

¹² Psalm 116:8 & Jude 24

¹³ Romans 4:17 & Psalm 19:130

¹⁴ Romans 12. 1,2

¹⁵ Psalm 55:22

¹⁶ Philippians 4:19 & Psalm 7:4