

THE POWER OF PRAISE by Jarrod Davidoff May 29, 2022

The meaning of praise is the expression of approval or admiration for someone or something.

1. WE PRAISE GOD FOR WHO HE IS

People praise celebrities, sports people, business leaders, politicians and the like. They are praised by their lips, clapping even singing songs about them.

How much more are we to praise the one and only true God?

Psalm 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Psalm 9:1 I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; (**YOU ALONE ARE GREAT AND WORTHY TO BE PRAISED. YOU are everything I have ever been looking for.**) that band sang the song. **BUT I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR. At age 20 I sang a new song... BUT I FINALLY FOUND WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR')**

I was lost in a world of pain
I was was lost and alone in this world
Looking for some peace, all I knew was shame
BUT I FINALLY FOUND who I was looking for

I found Jesus, the, Son of God
I found Jesus and He gave me love
He gave me peace and joy, He gave me love and a name

YES I FINALLY FOUND FOUND, WHO I WAS LOOKING FOR

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Psalm 66:1 Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! (**COME ON SOMEBODY-LETS SHOUT**)

2 Sing out the honor of His name; (**JESUS**)

Make His praise glorious.

3 Say to God,

“How awesome are Your works!

Through the greatness of Your power

Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.

4 All the earth shall worship You

And sing praises to You;

They shall sing praises *to* Your name.”

5 Come and see the works of God;

He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry *land*;

They went through the river on foot.

There we will rejoice in Him.

7 He rules by His power forever;

His eyes observe the nations;

Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves.

8 Oh, bless our God, you peoples!

And make the voice of His praise to be heard,

9 Who keeps our soul among the living,

And does not allow our feet to ^[a]be moved.

10 For You, O God, have tested us;

You have refined us as silver is refined.

12 You have caused men to ride over our heads;

We went through fire and through water;

But You brought us out to rich *fulfillment*.

13 I will go into Your house with burnt offerings;

I will pay You my ¹vows,

14 Which my lips have uttered
And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.
15 I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals,
With the sweet aroma of rams;
I will offer bulls with goats. *Selah*
16 Come *and* hear, all you who fear God,
And I will declare what He has done for my soul.
17 I cried to Him with my mouth,
And He was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear.
19 *But* certainly God has heard *me*;
He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed *be* God,
Who has not turned away my prayer,
Nor His mercy from me!

Psalm 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
3 Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
4 Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
5 Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

7 He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.
8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,
18 To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

19 The LORD has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.

21 Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts,
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

AS LONG AS I HAVE BREATH IN ME I'M GONNA PRAISE THE LORD

Luke 19:35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. **36** And as He went, *many* spread their clothes on the road.

37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, **38** saying:

“ ‘Blessed *is* the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

40 But He answered and said to them, *“I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”*

BELIEVER VS ATHEIST DEBATE

Your God is a megalomaniac

Answer: When I praise God, I feel better

Gods not in Heaven getting recharged when we praise Him
I'm feeling down-I've been running around answering prayers
I need a little lift me up

2. WE PRAISE GOD FOR OUR DELIVERANCE THAT HE BRINGS

Acts 16:16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. **17** She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” **18** She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

19 When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. **20** They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar **21** by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”

22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. **23** After they had been severely flogged (**LIKE JESUS**), they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was

commanded to guard them carefully. **24** When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Paul and Silas were praising and God was tapping his feet

(SHEMA ISRAEL) (HENEMITOVU)

.הַיְהוָה מַה טוֹב. = Hine mah tov Behold how good

וַיִּמְהַר נְעִימַי = uMah-Nayim and how pleasing

שֵׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם יַחְדָּד = shevet achim gam yachad if brothers could sit together in unity

Hava nagila הבה נגילה Let's rejoice

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Hava nagila ve-nismeha הבה נגילה ונשמחה Let's rejoice and be happy

(repeat)

Hava neranenah הבה נרננה Let's sing

Hava neranenah הבה נרננה Let's sing

Hava neranenah ve-nismeha הבה נרננה ונשמחה Let's sing and be happy

(repeat)

Uru, uru aḥim! עורו, עורו! אחים Awake, awake, my brothers!

Uru aḥim be-lev sameah עורו אחים בלב שמח Awake my brothers with a happy heart

(repeat line four times)

Uru aḥim, uru aḥim! עורו אחים, עורו! אחים Awake, my brothers, awake, my brothers!

Be-lev sameah בלב שמח With a happy heart

26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. **27** The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. **28** But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. **30** He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." **32** Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. **33** At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. **34** The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Psalm 18:1 I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The pangs of death surrounded me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple,
And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.

Psalm 22:3 But You *are* holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in You;

They trusted, and You delivered them.
5 They cried to You, and were delivered;
They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

I was in a school invasion in Khayelitsha. A gang invaded with guns and pangas. I screamed out

I come against you in the name of Jesus. Satan I rebuke you, Get out of this school. The blood of Jesus is against you.

Helicopters arrived.
Army trucks.

3. WE PRAISE GOD FOR OUR PROVISION

4. WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE WISDOM AND FAVOR HE BRINGS

The voice of the Lord comes clear in the midst of praise

Psalm 47:7 For God *is* the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding.

Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Sing praises with understanding

-or it will be mere entertainment

Some may think that Praise is a response to acts of God in our lives

-although that may be true

We don't only praise God for what He has done.
We praise God for what we desire Him to do.

God says I will do this for you.
He shows you in a vision.
You believe it, you receive it.
You thank Him for it.

If you start to doubt Him.
Praise Him for it.

If I tell my kids I'm gonna do something for them.
I'll take you to Menchie's for ice cream after tennis.

We provoke His intervention by praise.

WHAT ARE THE DIVINE VIRTUES IN PRAISE?

The Presence of God is in praise.
God inhabits the praises of his people.

God's presence will always make a difference.

As praise becomes your lifestyle.
Favor will become your companion.

Praise gains us entrance to God.

Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

TESTIMONY

Praying to the Lord when persecuted

Praising the Lord when fired from Jewish school

- I started praising the Lord in the car

- felt the presence of God in the car

Acts when they went to their homes, prayed for more boldness

Praying God for things before they have manifested

- cars

- ministry houses

Praising the Lord when things happen

5. WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE WORK HE HAS HELPED TO ESTABLISH

Ezra 3:10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel. **11** And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD:

“For *He is good*,

For His mercy *endures* forever toward Israel.”

Then all the people shouted with a great shout, **when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.**

6. HOW DO WE PRAISE GOD?

Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song.

And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.