

# **God is Our Praise!**

**Ephesians 5:18-21**

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# **Four Aspects of Worship...**

1. Singing...
2. Speaking...
3. Thanking...
4. Submitting.

# The Biblical Pattern of Praise

- The eyes see something of the beauty of God...
- The heart rejoices in what it sees...
- The mouth sings aloud in praise of him!

*“Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, let them ever sing for joy” (Psalm 5:11)*

# **Why do we Sing to God?**

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# Psalm 148:1-14

*“1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! 2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! 3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.*

# Psalm 148:1-14

*“6 And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, 8 fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! 10 Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!*

# Psalm 148:1-14

*“11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12 Young men and maidens together, old men and children! 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!”*

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## **2 Samuel 22:50-51**

*“50 For this I will praise you, O LORD,  
among the nations, and sing praises to your  
name. 51 Great salvation he brings to his  
king, and shows steadfast love to his  
anointed, to David and his offspring forever.”*

## 2 Chronicles 7:1-3

*“As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. 3 When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, ‘For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.’”*

# Psalm 28:6-7

*“Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard  
the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD  
is my strength and my shield; in him my  
heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart  
exults, and with my song I give thanks to  
him.”*

# Psalm 30:11-12

*“11 You have turned for me my mourning  
into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness, 12 that my  
glory may sing your praise and not be silent.*

*O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you  
forever!”*

# Psalm 40:1-3

*“1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.”*

# Psalm 92:1-5

*“It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; 2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, 3 to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. 4 For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. 5 How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!”*

# Psalm 109:30-31

*“30 With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD; I will praise him in the midst of the throng. 31 For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.”*

# Isaiah 25:1

*“O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.”*

# Jeremiah 20:13

*“Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.”*

# Zephaniah 3:14-15

*“14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.”*

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3. Because he is faithful to his Word.

# John 14:21

*“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”*

# **Psalms 19:8 & 119:171-72**

*“The precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart...My lips will pour  
forth praise, for you teach me your  
statutes. My tongue will sing of your  
word, for all your commandments are  
right.”*

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## **Psalm 59:16-17**

*“16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. 17 O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.”*

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4. Because we believe by faith he will deliver us.
5. Because we were created to declare his praise.

# Psalm 67

*“1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah 2 that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! 6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. 7 God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!”*

# Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus

Christ his Son

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And now let the weak say I am strong,  
Let the poor say I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

(2 x)

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