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Praise God

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Praise is bestowing compliments “on a person for his personal virtues or worthy actions ...”, as Noah Webster explained it. Psalms is the praise book of the Bible with the word “praise” mentioned 132 times.

It is very important to God, and should be to us, to praise God for all the wonderful things He has done in our lives. He never tires of our praising Him. We are to praise Him, as we are reminded in Psalms, because:

- He is righteous.

“And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.” Psa. 35:28 Also: Psa. 7:17, 48:10.

- He deserves it!

“I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.” Psa. 9:2 Also: Psa. 69:34, 71:8, 98:4, 107:32, 135:3.

- He is powerful and mighty!

“Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we

sing and praise thy power.” Psa. 21:13 Also: Psa.22:23, 28:7, 150:2.

- All of His creation praises Him, and so should we.
“Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.” Psa. 148:3 Also: 146:10, 148:2.
- Of His working in our lives and in this world.
“I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.” Psa. 9:1 Also: Psa. 52:9, 107:15, 21, 31, 118:21, 139:14, 145:10.
- I trust Him, and everything He says in His Word.
*“In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.” Psa. 56:4
Also: Psa. 56:10, 63:5.*
- He has given us joy!
“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.” Psa. 40:3 Also: Psa. 42:11, Psa. 43:4,5.
- We are not ashamed of Him and are proud to tell others that we have a relationship with Him.
“I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.” Psa. 22:22 Also: Psa. 44:8.
- We want others to know of Him, and experience His love and help in their lives!
“I will make thy name to be remembered in all

generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.” Psa. 45:17 Also: Psa. 57:9, 66:8, 67:3,5, 74:21, 86:12, 108:3, 109:30, 113:9, 117:1.

- We are grateful for His love and help.

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” Psa. 100:4 Also: Psa. 30:12, 69:30, 79:13, 106:1, 107:8.

Praising God is a way to show that we are grateful to Him for all He has done. We all have so much to praise Him for. God is so good to us; certainly better than we deserve.

“Praise has different effects, according to the mind it meets with; it makes a wise man modest, but a fool more arrogant.” — Feltham

Praise, A Help in Trouble

Fuller, (1894)

Praise is the believer’s helper in his trials, and his companion after them.

- Jehoshaphat’s army sang praises before the battle.
- David sang praises in the cave.
- Daniel, when the trap was set for his life, prayed, and gave thanks three times a day to the Lord,
- And Jesus, when He would raise Lazarus, first lifted up His heart in thanks to the Father.

“Why should we go reeling and staggering under the burdens and cares of life when we have such prospects before us? If there is nothing but glory beyond, our faces ought to shine brightly all the time.”

— D. L. Moody

Praise the Lord for His Goodness

C. H. Spurgeon from Morning and Evening, Dec. 2

“O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.” Psalm 107:8

If we complained less, and praised more, we should be happier, and God would be more glorified. Let us daily praise God for common mercies — common as we frequently call them, and yet so priceless, that when deprived of them we are ready to perish.

Let us bless God for the eyes with which we behold the sun, for the health and strength to walk abroad, for the bread we eat, and for the raiment we wear. Let us praise Him that we are not cast out among the hopeless, or confined amongst the guilty; let us thank Him for liberty, for friends, for family associations and comforts; let us praise Him, in fact, for everything which we receive from His bounteous hand. We deserve little, and yet are most plenteously endowed.

The sweetest and the loudest note in our songs of praise should be of redeeming love. God's redeeming acts towards His chosen are forever the favorite themes of their

praise. If we know what redemption means, let us not withhold our sonnets of thanksgiving. We have been redeemed from the power of our corruptions, and uplifted from the depth of sin in which we were naturally plunged.

We have been led to the cross of Christ. Our shackles of guilt have been broken off. We are no longer slaves, but children of the living God, and can antedate the period when we shall be presented before the throne without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Even now by faith we wave the palm-branch and wrap ourselves about with the fair linen which is to be our everlasting array, and shall we not unceasingly give thanks to the Lord our Redeemer?

Child of God, canst thou be silent? Awake, awake, ye heritors of glory, and lead your captivity captive, as ye cry with David, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Let the new day begin with new songs.

"I praise loudly; I blame softly." — Catherine II

Doxology

Thomas Ken (1709)

The "Doxology" is sung in many churches, even today. According to James D. Smith III at www.ChristianityToday.com, the Doxology was the closing stanza of three other hymns Mr. Ken wrote.

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**“Many men know how to flatter, but few men know
how to praise.”** — *Greek Proverb*