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Wednesday, June 16, 2021 - Group Study
Lesson Series: The Purpose Of Praise & Worship
Lesson Series Text: *(Psa. 22:3 NKJ)*
Lesson 3: Why Should We Praise The Lord
Lesson 3 Text: *(Psa. 96:1-13)*
All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.
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- I. Why should we praise God?
 - A. Does the Lord need us to praise Him to boost His ego?
 - B. Is it because He needs to be encouraged?
 - C. Is He emotional and crave our attention?
 - D. The answer to all of these questions is a resounding NO!!!!
- II. The Lord doesn't need our praise.
 - A. He is Jehovah, the self-existing one.
 - a. He doesn't need anything outside of himself to exist.
 - B. The Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever. *(Heb. 13:8)*
 - C. There is no variableness in Him, neither any shadow of turning in Him. *(Jam. 1:17)*
 - D. Whether we praise the Lord or not, He is and will always be the same.
 - a. He is not moved by our emotions whether loud or soft.
 - E. Actually, the glory and praise is due the Lord for all that He is and all that He has done! *(Psa. 96)*
- III. What is the definition of praise?
 - A. Praise (ya-daw') – to extend the hands, to boast, to confess, to make declarations, or to revere or worship.
- IV. Praise affects us.
 - A. God is the same all the time, but we are not.
 - a. That's why we need His presence to help stabilize us.
 - B. Every day that we create an atmosphere that the Lord can dwell in; He is able to guide us in the right path for that day and cause our day to be pleasurable even in difficult situations. *(Psa. 16:11 - Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.)*
 - C. It is good to remember and confess at the beginning of the day, "Father, there is nothing in this day that You and I together cannot handle".
 - D. Regardless of what is going on in your life, if you will begin your day with praising the Lord, you will create an environment or conditions that will allow His presence to evade your situation.
- V. Praise allows God to work in our situation. *(2 Chr. 20:1-30)*
 - A. Jehoshaphat is attacked after he established Judah in righteousness.

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- B. Jehoshaphat and Judah created conditions that would attract the presence of the Lord. (3-13)
 - C. God's presence came in the midst of their presence. (14-17)
 - D. Praise and Worship is used as a sign of their thanksgiving for the Word of the Lord. (18-19)
 - E. First Judah (praise) shall go up! (20-21)
 - F. When the conditions were right, God went to work for Judah (praise) and their enemies were destroyed. (22-24)
 - G. Nothing left but to gather up the spoils and end the day with praise. (25-28)
 - H. God gets the glory. (26-28)
- VI. So, what are we waiting for? Why should we praise the Lord?
- A. We need to praise God now so that we can attract His presence in the midst of our situations.
 - B. We need to praise God now so that we can put Him to work.
 - C. We need to praise the Lord for who He is.
 - D. We need to praise Him for what He has already done.
 - E. We need to praise Him for what He's about to do.
 - F. We need to praise Him because of what He's doing right now.

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