

God Wants Praise

Psalm 34:1 there are a few things we can learn about praise from this verse

- God wants a continual praise.
 - Not just a Sunday morning praise or when everything is going right praise. But a 24/7 praise.
- David said I will bless the Lord at ALL TIMES.
 - All times includes good times and bad times.
 - The times should not change our praise because the times don't change who God is.
 - God is worthy of praise no matter what time or season you are in because He's the same yesterday today and forever.
 - If you are in a time of sickness, God is still the healer and Jesus still bore stripes in His back for your healing, so He is worthy of praise.
 - If you are in a time of lack, God is still your provider and is worthy of praise.
 - If you are being oppressed in your heart, God is still your peace and worthy of praise.
 - The times shouldn't change our praise, but our praise can change the times. (deal with that later)
- David said I WILL bless the Lord at all times.
 - David's praise was going to be a matter of his will. In other words, David was choosing to bless the Lord at all times.
 - Sometimes praise is easy, and it comes automatically especially in the right environment with the right circumstances. But sometimes it's has to be a choice.
 - Sometimes I don't see anything happening to praise God for and I sure don't feel like praising God. But in spite of what I feel or see, I must make a choice to praise Him because He is still worthy. His promises are still true, and he is still faithful to do everything He said He would.
- His praise shall continually be in my MOUTH.
 - David said nothing negative, defeated, doubtful, is going to come out of my mouth. Only praise.
 - If this is true, something else has to be true according to Luke 6:45
 - Look at the verse backwards: Whatever is in abundance in the heart is going to determine what the mouth speaks.
 - So, if praise is continually coming out of the mouth what has to continually be in the heart? Praise.
 - Good will come out of the good treasured or stored up or deposited in your heart. The same goes for evil.

- So, the point is whatever you deposit the most into your heart through your eyes and ears is what is going to be in abundance in your heart and that's what is going to determine what comes out of your mouth.
- So, if praise is going to continually come out, I have to keep praise in my heart which means I've got to deposit things in my heart that is praiseworthy.
- Phil 4:8

Praise is important because praise can be an act of faith that will cause the power of God to be released to change your situations and circumstances. Remember I said earlier that the times shouldn't change your praise, but your praise can change your times.

2 Chronicles 20:1-3; 14-21

- This praise was an act of faith.
 - The king was saying here that I so believe God's word that we will not have to fight. That instead of putting warriors on the front line when we go to battle, I'm going to put praisers on the front line.
 - When you can praise instead of fight, praise instead of worry, praise instead of trying to figure it out that means you believe God's word. If you can't praise in the middle of your struggle, you are not in faith.

2 Chronicles 20:22-25

- It says in verse 22 and when they began to sing and to praise
 - When they acted or released their faith in praise, God released His power to take care of the enemy.
 - If you release a faith praise, God will release His power into your situation.
- They were supposed to meet a battle but instead they met a dead enemy and spent three days picking up spoil from the enemy. This battle ground turned into a blessing ground.
 - There are some of you that are anxious about tomorrow or this week or something in the future. You're worried about what you have to encounter in the future. The devil has lied to you and told you how overwhelming it's going to be.
 - But if you will quit worrying about it and go ahead and start praising God right now, your praise is going to release God to go before you and take care of whatever you got to face.
 - If you will go ahead and praise God now for the victory, God will turn your battle ground into blessing ground. What you thought you would have to struggle with won't even be an issue.

Hebrew words for praise found in scripture. These words describe to kind of praise God wants.

1. Zamar: to sing, to praise; a musical word which is largely involved with joyful expressions of music with instruments.

Psalms 21;13, Psalms 57:8-9, 1 Chronicles 16:9

Strongs 2167

2. Zimrath: instrumental music; by implicated praise song

Exodus 15:2, Psalms 118:4 Isaiah 12:2

Strongs 2176

3. Todah: to lift our hands for future things that are unseen, thanksgiving

Psalm 50:14 Psalms 50:23

Strongs 8426

4. Yadah: to willfully throw your hands up to praise with power

Psalm 63:1, Psalms 107:15, 2 Chron 20:21

Strongs 3027

5. Barak: to kneel down, to bless God as an act of adoration.

Psalm 34:1 Psalms 95:6 1 Chron 29:20

Strongs 1288

6. Taqa: to clap hands, to applaud and to clap and sing.

Psalms 47:1, Psalms 98:8

Strongs 8628

7. Alaz: to rejoice, to exult, to jump for joy in praise to the Lord

Psalms 28:7, Psalms 68:4

Strongs 5937

8. Guwl: to spin around, under the influence of any violent emotion.

Psalm 32:11 Psalms 35:9 Psalms 118:24 Proverb 23:24-25

Strong's 1523

9. Karar: to dance, whirl, dancing

2 Samuel 6:14, 2 Samuel 6:16

Strong's 3769

10. Ruwa: to give your best shout like a trumpet i.e., Glory! Hallelujah!

Psalms 47:1, Psalms 65:13 Joshua 6:20

Strong's 7321

11. Shabach: to shout, to address in a loud tone glorifying the Lord

Psalms 47:1 Psalms 145:4, Isaiah 12:6

Strong's 7623

12. Tehillah: to sing a new song unto the Lord

Psalms 22:3, Psalms 33:1, Isaiah 61:3

Strong's 8416

13. Halal: to celebrate, or act foolish in your praise

Psalms 113:1-3, Psalms 150:1, Psalms 149:3

Strong's 1984

2 Samuel 6:12-23 message translation

¹²⁻¹⁶ It was reported to King David that GOD had prospered Obed-Edom and his entire household because of the Chest of God. So David thought, "I'll get that blessing for myself," and went and brought up the Chest of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David, celebrating extravagantly all the way, with frequent sacrifices of choice bulls. David, ceremonially dressed in priest's linen, danced with great abandon before GOD. The whole country was with him as he accompanied the Chest of GOD with shouts and trumpet blasts. But as the Chest of GOD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, happened to be looking out a window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before GOD, her heart filled with scorn.

¹⁷⁻¹⁹ They brought the Chest of GOD and set it in the middle of the tent pavilion that David had pitched for it. Then and there David worshiped, offering burnt offerings and peace offerings. When David had completed the sacrifices of burnt and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies and handed out to each person in the crowd, men, and women alike, a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then everyone went home.

²⁰⁻²² David returned home to bless his family. Michal, Saul's daughter, came out to greet him: "How wonderfully the king has distinguished himself today - exposing himself to the eyes of the servants' maids like some burlesque street dancer!" David replied to Michal, "In GOD's presence I'll dance all I want! He chose me over your father and the rest of our family and made me prince over GOD's people, over Israel. Oh yes, I'll dance to GOD's glory—more recklessly even than this. And as far as I'm concerned.... I'll gladly look like a fool . . . but among these maids you're so worried about, I'll be honored no end."

²³ Michal, Saul's daughter, was barren the rest of her life.