

Praise, Thanksgiving, and Worship

As you study Scripture, you will note that taking time for praise, thanksgiving, and worship pleases God. On occasion, we ought to take all our prayer time to tell God how much we appreciate all He has done and is doing for us. Thanks for God's blessings, and praise for who He is, are important parts of our prayer time. Praise and thanksgiving will keep our problems in balance and insure we don't get too focused on us and our problems.

He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God. (Psalm 50:23)

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. (Psalm 106:1)

Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:1-3)

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:19-20)

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:16-17)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. (Psalm 19:1)

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10)

-
-
1. What things can we thank God for?
 2. What are we doing when we are praising God?
 3. Am I commanded to be thankful **for** all circumstances?
 4. How can I be thankful **in** all circumstances?
 5. Why is it important to make music in your heart?
 6. Is God good all the time?
 7. How can I be thankful in the middle of tragedy or disaster?

MEMORIZE: Ephesians 5:19-20

Materials are provided by Officers' Christian Fellowship (OCF) and permission is granted for use in local groups. More information about OCF can be found at www.ocfusa.org.