



The Necessity of Praise

Deciding to Praise God

It is easy to consider ‘praise’ as **optional**. However, when praise is elevated to a **necessity** we discover the power that praising God releases in our life. **Praise words:**

Praise — Gratitude — Glorify
Thanksgiving — Joy — Rejoice

A The Necessity of Praise

1. Psalms teaches that praise is a duty!
Psalms 45:17; 50:23; 79:13
2. God brought judgment for a lack of praise. *Deut 28:45-47*
3. Being ‘unthankful’ or murmuring is a sign of the last days.
2 Tim 3:1-5

B. The Relationship Between Praise and Faith

1. Faith increases through praise *Col 2:6-7*
How do you know when you are operating in God’s faith (believing God for everything in your life)? **Answer:** You will be abounding in praise and thanksgiving.
2. Jesus is the object of our faith *Heb 12:1-2*
Praising God takes my attention off fear and the events that weight me down and hold back the flow of faith.
Psalms 34:1-4
“I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together. I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.”
3. Praise ignites faith *Phil 4:4-6*
Before we present our problems or prayer requests to God we are to enter into rejoicing ‘praise’ of God who is the source of all things, both in heaven and on earth.
Col 1:16; 20

C. Choose Praise: Praise and Rejoicing is a Decision

There are seasons for weeping and mourning but joy ‘praise’ comes in the morning. *Psa 30:5; 126:6; Isa 61:3*

1. Peace is not a product of circumstances—we have to choose HOW we will respond to events and circumstances.
 - Paul’s light affliction *2 Cor 4:16-18*
 - Habbakuk’s doom and gloom *Hab 3:17-18*

“Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”

Praise and Fruitfulness

Psalm 92

Without faith it is impossible to please God! (*Heb 11:6*)
Likewise—without praise it is impossible to enter into the joy of faith and fruitfulness.

A. Praise :1-5

Two types of praise

Adoration: Praise for who God is.

O Most High
Loving and kind
Faithful

Thanksgiving: Praise for what God has done.

His works
His thoughts (plans)

B. Morning and Evening :2

By praising God in the morning and evening and all through the day—our lives become fruitful like a fruit bearing palm tree!

Psa 34:1-4; 92:12-14

- Start the day by declaring God’s love.
- End the day by declaring His faithfulness.

C. Strength of Praise :10-11

1. The psalmist says that singing the praises of God made him as strong as an ox and overflowing with the power of God.

2. He also saw and heard the defeat of his enemies.

D. Fruitfulness :12-15

Flourish: Bloom, spread, fly, break out!

Even an old stump can produce new buds! *Job 14:7-9*

We praise God because He will cause an increase of His love and faithfulness in us so that we will be fruitful no matter how old we are—even to ‘old age.’