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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Praising God
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Eph. 1:12, “that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”

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ESSENCE OF HOLY GOD

Sovereign

Omniscience

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

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Matt. 3:17, “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ ”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ: even as He appointed us [choice ones] who are in Him by imputed righteousness before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before Him in love: by pre-ordaining us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of God’s entire essence expressed through His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved:” (~RD)

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*Praising God***



הלל-2 *halal*

“to praise, commend, glory in, applaud, express gratitude, admiration, celebrate, proclaim, extol, honor, cheer, eulogize.”

1. To praise someone takes us out of our sin nature narcissism to focus on someone else.

**THE
SIN
NATURE
“the flesh”**

Area
of
Strength
HUMAN GOOD

Arrogance

TREND
Ascerticism,
Legalism

**LUST
PATTERN**

TREND
Licentiousness,
Lasciviousness,
Antinomianism

Moral
Degeneracy

PERSONAL SINS
Area
of
Weakness

Immoral
Degeneracy

2. Praising God takes us completely out of our focus on our circumstances.

Psa. 103:1, “Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy
name!

Psa. 103:2, “Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits:

Psa. 103:3, “Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,

Psa. 103:4, “Who redeems your life from
destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and
tender mercies,

Psa. 103:5, “Who satisfies your mouth with
good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the
eagle’s.”

**Psa. 57:9, “I will praise You, O Lord, among
the peoples;
I will sing to You among the nations.**

**Psa. 57:10, “For Your mercy reaches unto
the heavens,
and Your truth unto the clouds.**

**Psa. 57:11, “Be exalted, O God, above the
heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.”**

**Psa. 59:16, “But I will sing of Your power;
Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in
the morning;
For You have been my defense
and refuge in the day of my trouble.**

**Psa. 59:17, “To You, O my Strength, I will
sing praises;
For God is my defense,
My God of mercy.”**

**Psa. 54:6, “I will freely sacrifice to You;
I will praise [*yadah*: praise, confess]
Your name, O LORD, for it is good.”**

Heb. 13:15, “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

3. Praise is a product of our appreciation to God. As such it is an expression of gratitude which is always a barometer of our grace orientation.

4. In the Psalms we find Declarative Praise Psalms, which are also called by some as Thanksgiving Psalms.

5. As such, biblical praise expresses enthusiasm and joy to God for what He has done. Praise often expresses tremendous confidence in God.

**Psa. 3:4, “I cried to the LORD with my
voice,
and He heard me from His holy hill.
Selah**

**Psa. 3:5, “I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.**

**Psa. 3:6, “I will not be afraid of ten
thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all
around.”**

6. Public praise should motivate our devotion to and trust in the Lord.

7. To accomplish this we need to know God better, know God more intimately.

READ

REFLECT: understand, review, remember, at this stage the importance of memorization.

RUMINATE

**Psa. 63:6, “When I remember You on my
bed,
I meditate on You in the night watches.”**

**Psa. 77:6, “I call to remembrance my song
in the night;
I meditate within my heart,”**

8. This takes TIME.

Eph. 5:15, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

Eph. 5:16, “redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

9. Praise expresses specifics more than generalities.

**Psa. 105:1, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the
peoples!**

**Psa. 105:2, “Sing to Him, sing psalms to
Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!**

**Psa. 105:3, “Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek
the LORD!**

**Psa. 105:4, “Seek the LORD and His
strength;
Seek His face evermore!”**