

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Psalm 100:4; John 4:23-24



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Praise is different from worship.

1. **Praise is born in faith.** It is an instrument of war, and a way of creating an atmosphere for the Presence of the Lord. Worship is born from the womb of relationship. — Judson Cornwall
2. **The essence of worship**, when we gather together, is not the physical prostration as much as the flattening of the human will which rises to assert its own dignity, ignorant all the while that our highest (calling) will be entering the Presence of the King with worship, thereby giving place for His glory to dwell in our midst. — Pastor Jack Hayford

Different words for “praise” from Psalm 100:4 *Enter His gates with thanksgiving (Towdah) and His courts with praise (Tehilla); give thanks (Yadah) to Him and praise (Barak) His Name.* (Access the QR code to learn more about the Hebrew words for praise)

1. **Praise cannot be ceremonial.** Jesus did not come from the Levitical tribe, but from the tribe of Judah (Yadah), praise coming from and out of relationship. (Hebrews 7:11-14)
2. **Jesus exemplified expressive praise.** Luke 10:17, 21 *...At that time Jesus, full of joy (agalliao: to rejoice with great joy, to jump for joy) through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,...*
 - Matthew 21:7-16 *...“Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked Him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, ‘From the lips of children... You have ordained praise’?”*
3. **Intentional praise breaks depression and other bondages.**
 - Psalm 42:5-6 *Why are you downcast, O my soul?... Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.*
4. As we march into the battle with the praises of God on our lips, the enemy is defeated before us!

- 2 Chronicles 20:18-26 ...*Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people...*

JOHN 4:1-44 ...*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship (Greek: to kiss) the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

1. **God is not seeking the *act* of worship but the *person* whose worship is genuine and truthful, from the heart.**
 - John 4:23-24 | Truth: Aletheuo — genuineness and agreeing with the appearance.
2. **Worship is centered on the Person of Jesus Christ.** It is His Person, not His performance or gifts that is the object of our worship.
 - Revelation 5:11-14 ... *And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.*
3. **We become like the one we worship (revere).**
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18 *But we all,... beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*
4. **God's purposes are revealed** in the atmosphere of worship.
 - Acts 13:1-3 | Barnabas and Saul and the church in Antioch.
5. **When we worship Him *in* our situation, God delivers us out of our bondages.**
 - Acts 16:25-26 | As they worshipped God, Paul and Silas were freed from the prison stocks and many were saved! (Philippians 4:6)
6. **Our highest purpose is to experience the overwhelming Presence of God in our life!**
 - Psalm 16:11 *You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (1 Kings 8:10-11)*

Psalm 100:4 *Enter His gates with thanksgiving (Towdah, the sacrifice of praise) and His courts with praise (Tehilla, singing extemporaneously, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit); give thanks (Yadah, to throw out the hands with rejoicing) to Him and praise (Barak, to kneel and bless God) His Name.*

