

Greater Works Christian Church

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Praise and Worship, Part 2

Introduction: In our first study we focused mainly upon the “actions” of Praise and Worship. We have found that to truly Praise and Worship God it requires our whole being- spirit, soul and body. On account of this, movements and actions are to be part of our Praise and Worship.

Recap: Here is a list of those actions that we find in Praise and Worship.

<p>Praise (Thanking God for the things He has done):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dancing• Shouting• Singing• Raising the Hands• Clapping• Twirling and Spinning• Running• Playing Music	<p>Worship (Adoring God for who He is):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kneeling• Laying out Prostrate• Kneeling with the Head touching the Floor• Raising the Hands• Singing
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All of these actions and movements are to be a part of our Praise and Worship. Praise and Worship should never be boring, and should always leave us a little breathless.

These Hebrew words are translated to Praise.	
<p>Halal (Heb. 1984)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To be brilliant2. To be bright3. To be mad4. To act foolishly <p>Yadah (Heb. 3034) [similar to Judah]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To throw, cast2. To confess3. To give thanks	<p>Zamar (Heb. 2167)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To sing, sing praise, make music2. To play a musical instrument <p>T'hillah (Heb. 8416)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Praise, song or hymn of praise2. Thanksgiving

Note: True Praise is very active, utilizing our whole being (spirit, soul and body).

God's Throne

Psalm 22:3-5

- 3 But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them.
- 5 They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

Note: Notice that God is “Enthroned” in the praises of His people (Israel). Israel was God’s chosen people, and the people of covenant.

Romans 11:16-17

16 For if the firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*; and if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches.
17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,

Note: This shows that we who have accepted Christ have been grafted into the tree. In other words, we are partakers of the promises of God along with Israel. When we “Praise” God we can expect God to do for us what He promised to do for Israel.

We can fully expect God to manifest Himself as we praise Him. He IS “Enthroned” upon our praise. Whether we realize it or not God is present when we praise Him, and because of this we can fully expect the blessings of His presence.

Enthroned (Heb. 3427) *Yashab*

- 1) to dwell, remain, sit, abide

Yashab draws the picture of God sitting (enthroned) in the praises of His people. When a King is sitting it shows that He is in full control and that His majesty is on display, and His Lordship is to be fully recognized.

Praises (Heb. 8416) *T'hillah*

- 1) Praise, song or hymn of praise
- 2) Thanksgiving

God is King- Praise is His Throne

Psalm 47:1-9

- 1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
- 2 For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.
- 3 He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet.
- 4 He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

This Psalm speaks to the Majesty of God, our King. Notice, throughout this Psalm the writer speaks about God being King over the Earth, and we are instructed to Praise Him. Praise and God's Majesty go hand in hand.

Our Praise is the Throne God sits on.

v.8) **Sits** (Heb. 3427) **Yashab**

1) to dwell, remain, sit, abide

This is the same word found in Psalm 22:3 (Enthroned). In this Psalm, Yashab is translated, Sits.

Throne (Heb. 3678) **kisseh**

1) seat (of honour), throne, seat, stool

1a) seat (of honour), throne

1b) royal dignity, authority, power (figuratively)

God sits on His holy throne, could be translated, God is enthroned on His holy throne. Keep in mind what the writer stated in Psalm 22:3 (speaking of God), *You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.*

When we understand the Power of our Praise, we can then refine what our services look like and literally establish a place of habitation for God, in our midst.

The habitation created by our Praise is more than a place to rest, but a place to release Royal Decrees.

Praise Binds the Enemy

Psalm 149:1-9

- 1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, *And* His praise in the assembly of saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.
6 *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,
7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Note: This Psalm is rich with understanding and revelation about Praise and what Praise accomplishes.

Very Important: Praise is ALWAYS for God and to be towards God! God is Who we Praise and Why we Praise. This must be understood first and foremost. To praise God for any other reason or purpose besides giving Him glory for what He has done is to mix the Holy with the Profane.

Although we are to Praise God simply because He is God and He is good, there are still benefits to giving God praise that extend beyond the praise itself. Remember, God is enthroned in our praises. Where the King is so is His power and authority (His Kingdom), and this translates into the manifestation of that power and authority. In other words, where God is great things happen.

“Where praise is, God is; where God is, great things happen!”

v.6-9)
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7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

One cannot read these verses without seeing the connection between Praise and Warfare. V.6 tells us to have the “High Praises” of God in our mouth, and a “Two-edged Sword” in our hand. This shows us that God wants us to be a people that understand how to prepare a place for His presence no matter the situation or location. Our Praises pierce the Heavens making a way for our God, while the sword pierces our enemy making a way for the people of God.

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

As we sing the “High Praises” to God, and wield the “Sword of the Spirit”, we will:

- Execute vengeance on the nations
- Execute... punishments on the peoples
- Bind their kings with chains
- Bind... their nobles with fetters of iron;
- Execute on them the written judgment

This is still true today, however we have greater understanding of what is to take place, and how it will take place. The nations surrounding Israel became their enemies, and the ones who felt the wrath of God as He fulfilled these promises. Today we understand that people are not our true enemy, so the principles of this passage are extended to our true enemy.

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

As we Praise God and declare His word our spiritual enemies will be bound with chains; we will execute punishment on realms of darkness; we will execute on them the written judgments. In other words, the demons (even high ranking demons- *kings*) that bind up and control regions, we will bind and bring them down by the power of our praise and the “sword of the Spirit” that we wield.