PRAISE, WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

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1. What is the Lord worthy to receive? (2 Samuel 22:4)
2. What are we told that it is good to do? (Psalm 92:14)
3. What does God want us to do? (Isaiah 43:21)
4. Who should praise the Lord? (Psalm 150:6)
5. What are some ways to praise the Lord? (Psalm. 47:1, 98:4, 149:2, 134:2) a) d) b) e) c) f)
6. What types of instruments were used in praising the Lord? (Psalm 150:3-5) a)
7. What is to be found in the mouth of believers? (Psalm 149:6)
8. What power is there in praise when it is accompanied with the two-edged sword (the word of God)? (Psalm 149:8-9)
Read II Chronicles 20:15-25
9. Who went out before the army? (v. 21)
10. What was the result?

- 11. What actually happens when we praise the Lord? (Psalm 22:3)
- 12. What happens to people when they are habitually unthankful? (Romans 1:21)
- 13. What kind of people is God seeking? (John 4:23-24)
- 14. How are we to love the Lord? (Mark 12:30)

We are to love and worship the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength! We are to worship God with our minds, our emotions, our bodies and our obedience.

The word worship literally means "worthship" or to attribute worth to something. We are to attribute worth to God with every facet of our lives! Nothing should be worth more to us than Him!

15. How often are we to express thanks to God? (Ephesians 5:20, Hebrews 13:15, Psalm 34:1-3, Philippians 4:4)

It is not always easy to praise God. Our flesh doesn't always "feel" like giving God thanks and praise.

- 16. What is the offering of praise considered? (Hebrews 13:15)
- 17. What is acceptable worship (service) to God? (Romans 12:1)

The book of Psalms is an excellent record of many prayers of praise and thanksgiving. The last 5 chapters of Psalms (146-150) are written for the sole purpose of expressing praise and thanks to God.

One of the things that David is best known for is being a psalmist, a worshiper of God. I Samuel 6:14 tells how David danced with all his might in the streets, giving praise to God after a great victory. David was also continually faced with multitudes of adversities and trials.

18. What did David do during his difficult times? (Psalm 42:5,11, 43:5, 57:4-11, 69:29-31, 103:1-5, 145:1-3)

There are many times we need to say to our souls, "Why are you so downcast? Hope in God and praise Him!!" It is not enough to listen to or sing songs *about* God. We must command our soul (will, emotions) to press beyond our feelings and into his very presence through praise and thanksgiving. Once you have pressed through your feelings,

you will no longer be thinking *about* God, you well find yourself in the presence of the Lord, speaking directly *TO* God.

19. What is found in the presence of the Lord? (Psalm 16:11)

20. What is going on in heaven now, and in the future? (Revelation 7:9-12, 5:11-14)