

What is Praise and Worship?

Overview: “Praise and Worship” is not just one thing. There is a process, a spiritual flow toward God of praises, moving into the sweet-smelling savor of worship, which gradually permeates the very Throne Room of God.

A. GLORY: EXPERIENCING the ATMOSPHERE of HEAVEN by Ruth Ward Heflin

1. “Every service needs both praise and worship. We praise until the spirit of worship comes and then we worship until the Glory comes.”
2. Another ministry is quoted as saying that “we believe that, if we praise until the spirit of worship comes and then worship until the Glory comes, we can stand in the Glory and see the fullness of God.”
3. Another view: PRAISE until you enter WORSHIP; WORSHIP until you build the ANOINTING; build the ANOINTING until you enter the GLORY.
4. PRAISE until you enter the ANOINTING; then WORSHIP until you enter the GLORY.
5. PRAISE> WORSHIP> ANOINTING> GLORY!!! 2 Chron 5:11-14 Ampl
6. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courtyard with the sacrifice of praise. Keep praising until you enter the temple with worship; then continue through the Holy Place (i.e., the priestly area) with medium worship until high worship ushers you into the very presence of the Living God in the Holy of Holies.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. PRAISE is the process of exalting God for His mighty acts and His wondrous works:
(Webster: to commend the worth of; to express approval or admiration of; to laud the glory of God). Ps 150:2; 22:3 KJV&NKJ
2. WORSHIP is the process of honoring God for Who He is: (Webster: honor, dignity, extreme devotion, intense love for or admiration of God). Holy --- Rev 15:4

C. TYPES of PRAISE

1. INDIVIDUAL 1 Chron 22:30; Eph 5:19
2. CONGREGATIONAL Ps 22:22-25; Ps 100:2b
3. TEHILLAH Ps 22:3; Eph 5:19
Laudation; a hymn; praise; a spontaneous new song in the Spirit (tongues) or in the understanding.
4. JOYFUL, EXUBERANT SHOUTING, AND LOUD MUSIC Ps 100:1
Make a joyful noise/shout to the Lord, all you lands!
5. HALAL
To shine: hence, to make a show, to boast, and thus to be (clamorously) foolish, to rave, to celebrate.
4000 praised the Lord with musical instruments. 1 Chron 23:5
6. SHABACH Ps 117:1
To address in a loud tone, a loud adoration, a shout!
Proclaim with a loud voice, unashamed, the GLORY, TRIUMPH, POWER, MERCY and LOVE of God!
It is not just being loud. We should have the attitude of putting our whole being into it, an attitude of being totally uninhibited.

7. CLAPPING HANDS
Clap your hands, all you people! Ps 47:1
8. ZAMAR
To sing praises with instruments. Ps 92:1; Ps 150
Transitional to Worship.
9. DANCING
We are called to praise God through dance. 2 Sam 6:14
Transitional to Worship.

Examples:

- Praise stills the avenger. Ps 8:2
David calmed Saul while playing a harp. 1 Sam 16:23

D. TYPES of WORSHIP

1. QUIET, REFLECTIVE, TENDER
Sing...sweet meditation. Ps 104:33-34
2. LIFTING of HANDS
Expresses thanksgiving, blessing, petition, & obedience. 1 Tim 2:8
Lifting up holy hands.
3. YADAH
To revere or worship with extended hands in surrender of oneself to God in worship and adoration. 2 Chron 20:21
Singers go in worship before the army.
4. TOWDAH
An extension of the hand to avow adoration. Jer 17:26
Sacrifices of praise.
My dove, Towdah, born on Thanksgiving Day.
“Thank you!” in Israel.
5. BARAK
To kneel or to bow; to bless; to give reverence to God as an act of adoration; continually, consciously giving place to God. Ps 103
Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits.

Examples:

Smith Wigglesworth: The anointing on him was so strong that: a. People in train fell at his feet; b. People in church service crawled out of the room.

E. REVIEW:

PRAISE until you enter the ANOINTING; then
WORSHIP until you enter the GLORY!!!!!!!