

21 Day Fast and Pray January 27, 2019

Tonight, we will praise Him and then we will receive communion together.

Why Praise God?

- *"For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods" ([Psalm 96:4](#)).*
- *"Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom" ([Psalm 145:3](#)).*
- *"I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies" ([2 Samuel 22:4](#)).*
- *"You are worthy, our LORD and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being" ([Revelation 4:11](#)).*

a. We praise Him because He is worthy and because it is good for us - doing so reminds us of His greatness. *"Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant" ([Psalm 135:3](#)).*

b. We praise Him because in our praise, God moves on our behalf. *"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger" ([Psalm 8:2](#)).*

c. We praise God because when we do, He comes and changes the atmosphere. clearly illustrates the alteration that happened when the Levites gave praise and thanks to the Lord and the temple was filled with a cloud signifying the glory of God. *"The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: 'He is good; his love endures forever.' Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God."*

d. We praise God because He inhabits our praise. [Psalm 22:3](#) says, "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" (KJV). If we want to see a clear manifestation of God's blessings and grace, all we need to do is to praise Him with all our heart, our mind, and our soul.

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Praising God - Who and When?

Who is to praise God? *"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD,"* states [Psalm 150:6](#).

- *"I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips ([Psalm 34:1](#))."*
- *"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands" ([Psalm 63:3-4](#)).*
- *"Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister by night in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD" ([Psalm 134:1-2](#)).*

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

² Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

³ Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

⁴ Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

⁵ Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³ For the Lord *is* the great God, And the great King above all gods.

⁴ In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also.

⁵ The sea *is* His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry *land*.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

⁷ For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you will hear His voice: ⁸ "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As *in* the day of trial in the wilderness, ⁹ When your fathers tested Me;

They tried Me, though they saw My work. ¹⁰ For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation, and said, 'It *is* a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.'

¹¹ So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

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Psalm 98 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

² The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the ^[a]nations. ³ He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. ⁵ Sing to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; ⁸ Let the rivers clap *their* hands; Let the hills be joyful together ⁹ before the Lord, For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.