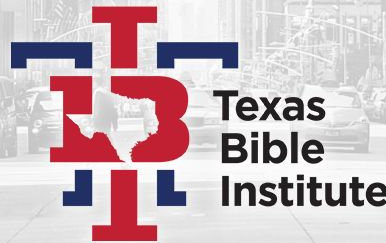


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Praise and Worship

Our Affection: The Corporate Worship Moment

Our Praise is Power

2 Chronicles 20:1-27

Why did Jehoshaphat place the choir at the head of the army? **HE KNEW THE PRAISERS WOULD WIN THE BATTLE.**

We **PRAISE**; God **FIGHTS!**

The Importance of Corporate Worship

- Hebrews 10:24-25
- Ephesians 5:18-21
- Psalm 133:1
- Psalm 73:17

Where Do We Praise?

- In the congregation.
- Before unbelievers.
 - Unbelievers do not need to **understand** our praises; they simply need to **experience the reality of Him whom we praise.**
 - When we praise we are **advertising our faith** to the world.

Ministering to Jesus

- **Standing** serves two functions in praise:
 - Speaks of respect.
 - Keeps us alert.
- Examples of **visible** praise:
 - Clapping
 - Singing
 - Jumping
 - Dancing
 - Lifting Hands
 - Spinning
 - Bowing

Why Lift Our Hands?

1. Act of worship - Ps.134:2
2. Act of obedience - Ps. 119:48
3. Act of faith - Ex. 17:12
4. Act of Despair - Jer. 4:31
5. Act of Divine Power - Ex. 9:29
6. Act of Blessing - Lk. 24:50

Congregational Praise

- Processions
- Banners
- Tambourines
- Praise dancers
- Motions

The bottom line on how to praise is:

with everything that's in you.

The Cycle of Praise

- Hydrological Cycle is:
 - Evaporation
 - Condensation
 - Precipitation
- Praise Cycle is:
 - Blessings
 - Victory
 - Growth

Benefits of Praise

1. Releases God to act Acts 16:25,26
2. Earth yields increase Psalm 67:5,6
3. Victory comes 2 Chronicles 20 21,22
4. Brings health Proverbs 17:22
5. Brings peace Isaiah 60:18
6. Changes us 1 John 3:1,2
7. Brings joy Nehemiah 8:10

The Joy of the Lord

Stops Satan

Brings strength

Brings fruit

Brings restoration

Overcomes the evil one

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