

Title: Victory in praise
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Definition of praise

Express warm approval or admiration of
Express one's respect and gratitude towards (a deity), especially in song
The expression of approval or admiration for someone or something
The expression of respect and gratitude as an act of worship

psalm 48:1 (NKJV)

¹ Great *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praised. In the city of our God, *in* His holy mountain.

1. The sacrifice of praise

a) The nature of praise

hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

b) He is worthy of our praise

psalm 145:3 (ESV)

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

2. Faith-producing praise

psalm 106:12 (NKJV)

¹² Then they believed His words; they sang His praise.

3. Victory in praise

acts 16:25-29 (NKJV)

²⁵ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." ²⁹ Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

psalm 100:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.* ⁵ For the Lord *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

2 chronicles 20:20-22 (NKJV)

²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." ²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, For His mercy *endures* forever." ²² Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

4. How to praise

a) Whole heart

psalm 111:1 (NKJV)

¹ Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart.

b) Hands lifted up

psalm 63:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

c) Mouth and lips

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

d) Dancing

psalm 149:3 (NKJV)

³ Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

5. Praise is God's dwelling place

psalm 22:3 (KJV)

³ Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.