Welcome to Spiritual Wisdom Knowledge and Understanding

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This message is called 'Praise Him'

What does it mean to 'praise'?

Psalm 150New King James Version (NKJV)

Let All Things Praise the LORD

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!

Praise the LORD!

Here's what dictionary.com defines 'praise' as:

praise

[preyz]

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noun

1. the act of expressing approval or admiration; commendation; laudation.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

2. the offering of grateful homage in words or song, as an act of worship:

a hymn of praise to God.

3. the state of being approved or admired:

The king lived in praise for many years.

4. Archaic. a ground for praise, or a merit.

verb (used with object), praised, praising.

- 5. to express approval or admiration of; commend; extol.
- 6. to offer grateful homage to (God or a deity), as in words or song.

Idioms

7. sing someone's praises, to praise someone publicly and enthusiastically:

He is always singing his wife's praises.

Praising someone or something is to give them credit for something he or she did. You are acknowledging verbally his or her action. You can do this by voice, instrument, actions, and even with little thoughts in your mind that says 'Thank You Heavenly Father for giving me the air to breathe'.

Colossians 3:16New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Also, when we praise, we should do it with grace in our hearts...meaning, don't do it mockingly, do it with sincerity.

2 Timothy 2:22New King James Version (NKJV)

²²Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

The Bible tells us to praise God...and for different reasons. Here's one that shows to praise Him because He is great and greatly to be praised!

1 Chronicles 16:25New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁵ For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised; He *is* also to be feared above all gods.

Praise is a very important part of Israel in the Old Testament. Here's just one example...

1 Chronicles 23:1-5New King James Version (NKJV)

The Divisions of the Levites

23 So when David was old and full of days, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.

² And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. ³ Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and above; and the number of individual males was thirty-eight thousand. ⁴ Of these, twenty-four thousand were to look after the work of the house of the LORD, six thousand were officers and judges, ⁵ four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the LORD with musical instruments, "which I made," said David, "for giving praise."

David thought praise was so important that he assigned 4,000 to praise God with musical instruments. Imagine the sound that made. Wow...

2 Chronicles 5:12-14New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² and the Levites *who were* the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets— ¹³ indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying*:

"For He is good,
For His mercy endures forever,"[a]

that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

Did you hear that? Praising Him ushered in His glory! His glory is so strong and powerful that a human being can't be in it! Hallelujah! You know what else can't be in it, sin, sickness, disease, pain, suffering, hurt...HALLELUJAH!

PRAISE HIM to be free from pain and suffering!

So now that we know what praise is and what the end result is, how do we use praise Him in our lives?

Philippians 1:11New King James Version (NKJV)

¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

How are we righteous?

We believe. We don't work toward it. WE SIMPLY BELIEVE.

Romans 4:3New King James Version (NKJV)

³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." [a]

1 Timothy 1:5-9New King James Version (NKJV)

⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, ⁶ from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

⁸ But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

Romans 3:10New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

Romans 4:6New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

Galatians 2:21New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Ephesians 5:8-10New King James Version (NKJV)

Walk in Light

 8 For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit^[a] is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

Wow – those are powerful scriptures. Realize this...you won't get anywhere by doing good works. Don't get me wrong, doing good is nice and kind, but God looks to see why and with what attitude you are trying to do good. Are you trying to do good because you want something in return? That's not operating in the spirit and it isn't righteousness. However, if you saw someone in need of medicine or food, and you don't hesitate but just get it for them, that's what God is looking for. Then don't give yourself the accolades for it. Give the accolades to God because He is the one who made it possible for you to realize that persons need and gave you the ability to fulfill that need.

Notice the last scripture, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord...and how do we do this? We believe and He shows us through His Word. He will always show you what's more important.

Matthew 6:1-4New King James Version (NKJV)

Do Good to Please God

6 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ³ But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. ^[a]

And it's not just things in our lives or how they affect us that we should praise Him for. There are many things God has done and rightfully deserves to be praised.

Genesis 1:1New King James Version (NKJV)

The History of Creation

 ${f 1}$ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

He is our creator. He made the heavens and the Earth.

Genesis 1:21New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

He made the sea creatures and every living thing that moves.

Genesis 1:27New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

He made us in His own image! Have you seen what the angels / demons look like? They have multiple faces, human and animal, and extra wings...you can read the book of Enoch to have more insight in this area but we don't look like them. We don't look like humans mixed with animals. We are like God Himself! WOW...

Genesis 22:14New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; [a] as it is said *to* this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

He is our provider!

Psalm 65:9New King James Version (NKJV)

You visit the earth and water it,
You greatly enrich it;
The river of God is full of water;
You provide their grain,
For so You have prepared it.

He waters this Earth...

Psalm 8:4New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴ What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

He visits us and He is mindful of us, which simply means He thinks of us ALL THE TIME!

John 3:16-17New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

He gave us His only biological begotten Son to save us.

And that's just a few things that He's done. What has He done for you that you can Praise Him for? Acknowledge Him for His actions. He has done wondrous and marvelous things for us that we can barely comprehend!

HALLELUJAH, which by the way means PRAISE HIM...

• Question: "What is the meaning of the word hallelujah?"

Answer: The word *hallelujah* is most familiar in the context of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*. *Hallelujah* is a Hebrew word meaning "praise ye YAH (Yahweh)." *Hallelujah*, as a transliteration, appears four times in the NIV and NASB (<u>Revelation 19:1–6</u>)—it takes the form "alleluia" in the King James Version.

https://www.gotquestions.org/hallelujah.html

Let's pray to help you with praising Him!

Dear Heavenly Father, we lift up our minds and hearts to Your throne room and declare You Lord Jesus over our praise. Help us to praise You, to honor You as You should be! Thank You for teaching us how to praise and helping us to be praisers. In Jesus' name Amen!

Now you know, PRAISE HIM! He is to be PRAISED because He has and is, and will continue to do wonderful and marvelous things! So PRAISE HIM!

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