

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

PRAISE

Whether you are a religious person or not, the word "praise" has a rather lofty sound to it. Who does the "praising": a minister? a priest? a rabbi? It sounds like a church-related thing, doesn't it? Is it something people like us can do?

Psalm 147:1 - Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to God: for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful!

1. How is "praise" described here? _____

2. How is the "praising" being done here? _____
3. Who gets the benefit from this "praising"? ___Us ___God ___People Observing

In the Hebrew, the word "praise" means "to shine, to be boastful in a good way". The Hebrew word is "Hallel". Does that look familiar? "Hallel" = "praise; "Jah" = means "Lord". Put them together: "Hallelujah" = "Hallel" + "Jah" = "Praise the Lord".

Psalm 134:2 - Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. ("Bless" & "praise" basically mean the same thing)

4. How is the "praise" being done here? _____
5. Who gets the benefit from this "praise"? ___Us ___God ___Others

"To praise the Lord" is to tell God you love Him, you are proud of Him, He gets all the credit for everything, you are willing to make all that known to others ("to shine").

Hebrews 13:15 - Therefore by Him let us continually offer sacrifices of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

6. How is "praise" being done here? _____
7. Who gets the benefit from this "praise"? ___Us ___God ___Others
8. What is included in our praise to God? "Giving _____ to His name."

Psalm 149:3 - Let them praise His name with dance; let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and the harp.

9. How is "praise" being done here? a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
10. Who get the benefit from this "praise"? ___Us ___God ___Others

Hebrews 2:12 - I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.

11. How is "praise" being done here? "I will _____ Your name.."
12. Where is the "praise" being done? "In the midst of the _____".
13. Who is the "praise" being directed to? "I will sing praise to _____".

We have looked at 5 verses that talk about "Praise". We can praise with our HANDS, with SINGING, with our WORDS, with SINGING & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, and with OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE BELIEVERS.

14. Praise can be about: (Match the verse (a-e) with the praise item)
- a. Luke 2:20 ___ With gladness & unity of heart
 - b. Luke 17:15 ___ Giving thanks
 - c. Luke 24:52 ___ Based on what we have seen & heard
 - d. Acts 2:46-47 ___ Done with other believers
 - e. Acts 2 46-47 ___ Can be done in church
15. Praise can be about: (Match the verse (f-j) with the praise item)
- f. Acts 4:24 ___ Making melody in your heart
 - g. Acts 16:25 ___ Can be done with singing
 - h. 1 Cor. 15:57 ___ Expressing honor to a Great God
 - i. Eph. 5:19 ___ Lift up your voice to God
 - j. 1 Tim. 1:17 ___ Enjoying our personal victory
16. Praise can be about: (Match the verse (k-p) with the praise item)
- k. Hebrews 2:12 ___ A form of worship to God
 - l. 1 Peter 2:9 ___ Talk about God to other believers
 - m. 1 Peter 4:11 ___ Radiating God's image
 - n. Rev. 14:7 ___ Give God the credit
 - o. Isaiah 43:21 ___ Remember your conversion to Christ

It appears that the method for praise can vary. Any believer can offer praise to God. It can be private or public.

17. Have you ever sung songs about God when you're alone? ___Yes ___No
That's praising God.
18. Have you ever sung songs about God when in a church? ___Yes ___No
That's praising God.
19. Have you ever told God how much you love Him and how much you need Him? ___Yes ___No
That's praising God.
20. Have you ever told someone else (believer or not) what difference God has made in your life? ___Yes ___No
That's praising God.
21. Have you ever used your time, talents, and possessions to help someone see the greatness of your God? ___Yes ___No
That's praising God.
22. Are you open & vulnerable about your weaknesses & failures, and unashamed about God's involvement? ___Yes ___No
That's praising God.

WHEN YOUR LIFE SHOWS YOUR DEPENDENCE UPON GOD, YOU ARE TELLING GOD THAT YOU LOVE HIM, NEED HIM, AND THAT THERE IS NO ONE LIKE HIM. YES, I CAN PRAISE GOD TOO. GOD WANTS TO HEAR IT FROM ME.