

I. Introduction

(Isa 60:1-3) "**Arise, shine**, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. {2} See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. {3} Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

(Heb 12:28) Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, {29} for our "God is a consuming fire."

II. What is Praise?

- Praise means "to commend, to applaud or magnify."
- Praise comes from a Latin word meaning "value" or "price."
- Thus, to give praise to God is to proclaim His merit or worth.
- Praise is to be a lifestyle

III. The modes of praise

- The offering of sacrifices (Lev. 7:13),
- Physical movement (2 Sam. 6:14),
- Silence and meditation (Ps. 77:11-12),
- Testimony (Ps. 66:16),
- Prayer (Phil. 4:6),
- A holy life (1 Pet. 1:3-9).
- Music, both instrumental (Ps. 150:3-5) and, especially, vocal.

IV. The Power & Benefits of Praise

1. God inhabits (dwells) in the praise of His people (Ps 22:3).
2. Praise is a Gateway into His presence (Ps 100:4) (Matt. 18:20).
3. Praise invites the Glory of God (2 Chr 5:12-14)
4. Praise Brings victory in spiritual warfare (2 Chr 20:21-24) (2 Sam 22:4) (Psa 9:1-3)
5. Praise silences the accuser (Psa 8:2)
6. Praise opens spiritual doorways (Psa 100:4)
7. Praise brings Glory to God (Psa 50:23a)
8. Praise brings salvation in life's circumstances (Psa 50:23b)

9. Praise prepares the way for trust (Psa 40:3)
10. Praise unifies creation, the redeemed, and angelic beings for the purposes of God's Kingdom (Ps 103:19-22)
11. Praise restores the soul and gives birth to hope (Psa 42:5-8)
12. Praise Replaces Fear (Psa 56:4)
13. Praise satisfies and renews the soul (Psa 63:4-7)
14. Praise brings blessing and prosperity and blessing upon the land (Psa 67:3-7)
15. Praise brings God pleasure (Psa 69:30-31) (Psa 104:33-34)
16. Praise reminds and connects you with His promises (Psa 103:1-5)
17. Praise connects you with favor, prosperity, and spiritual inheritance (Psa 106:4-5)
18. Praise awakens us into our spiritual position (Psa 113:1-8)
19. Praise awakens us to His enduring Love (Psa 117:1) (Psa 118:1-4)
20. Praise opens our heart to learning, and our soul to His Word (Psa 119:12-16) (Psa 119:108) (Psa 119:171)
21. Praise brings meaning in life (Psa 119:175) (Isa 38:18-19) (Isa 43:20-21)
22. Praise establishes spiritual gates within cities and regions (Isa 60:18)
23. Praise brings the blessing of the Lord (Psa 134:1-3) (Psa 135:1)
24. Praise replaces despair like a garment (Isa 61:3)
25. Praise binds and establishes judgments against demonic forces (Psa 149:6-9)
26. Praise opens the way for the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:15-20)
27. Praise brings deliverance, impacts physical realities, and opens spiritual doors (Acts 16:23-26)

V. Conclusion

(Psa 150) Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. {2} Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. {3} Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, {4} praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, {5} praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. {6} Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

The Power of Praise: Old Testament	
Where	Purpose of Worship
Gen. 22:1–19	Abraham offered up the ultimate sacrifice of his only son Isaac on Mount Moriah.
Ex. 15:1–21	After the Israelites safely crossed the Red Sea, Moses and the people sang a song of praise to the Lord.
1 Sam. 1; 2	Hannah gave her son Samuel back to God as an act of worship and thanksgiving for answered prayer.
2 Sam. 6:1–23	When David returned the ark of the Covenant to the tabernacle, he danced before the Lord.
1 Kin. 18:20–40	When Elijah prayed, the power of God consumed the altar with fire and all the people fell on their faces and worshiped God.
2 Chr. 20:1–30	King Jehoshaphat appointed singers to go out before the army and sing praises. God delivered the enemy into their hands.
2 Chr. 29	King Hezekiah reestablished the service of worship by ordering the priests to cleanse the temple and offer burnt offerings. The priests sang and played instruments while all the people worshiped.
2 Chr. 34:1–33	King Josiah destroyed the altars of Baal and the wooden images in Israel and thus restored true worship to the people.

The Power of Praise: New Testament	
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Matt. 2:1–12	After a long journey, the wise men came to Bethlehem and worshiped the Christ child, honoring Him with expensive gifts.
Matt. 26:30	Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn after the Last Supper before going to the Garden of Gethsemane.
Luke 1:46–55	Mary praised God with a song upon hearing Elizabeth’s blessing of her unborn son, Jesus.
Luke 2:36–38	Anna, a widow of many years, prayed and fasted day and night in the temple.
Luke 21:1–4	The widow gave all she had to the temple offering as an act of worship.
John 9:13–41	After the blind man was healed, he worshiped Jesus.
John 12:1–8	Mary, at Simon’s house, anointed the feet of Jesus for burial with a costly perfume as an offering of worship.
Acts 16:16–40	Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God in prison and the prison doors were opened.
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