

MLICS 4.2

My Life In Christ's Service — Serving Through Worship & Praise

- I. **Introduction:** the purpose of this lesson is to give the believer understanding concerning his God-given privilege and responsibility as a priest unto the Lord to offer up spiritual sacrifices of praise, worship, and thanksgiving. In this lesson we will define praise and worship as well as consider the important role of these key actions and attitudes play in living out our faith in Christ personally and corporately.
 - I. Jn 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." FROM WITHIN
 - II. Heb 13:15 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. FREELY GIVEN
 - III. Ps 22:3-5 But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. ROYALLY INHABITED
- II. **Definitions of praise and worship from the OT:**
 - I. **Praise** – Praise is an audible expression of honor, acclaim, adoration, thanks, or gratitude
 - I. “**yadah**” – to use the hands, to hold up or out, to worship with extended hands – Gen 29:35 Judah is born / Ex 15:2
 - II. “**tehillal**” – laudation, sing a hymn – Ps 22:3 / Ex 15:11
 - II. **Worship** – Worship is an expression in word and deed of devotion, honor, and respect
 - I. “**Schachah**” – to depress, to prostrate in homage to royalty or God, to bow down, fall down – Gen 18:2 / Esther 3:2 / Gen 22:5
 - III. **Bless** – “**barak**” – to kneel, the act of declaring favor and goodness on others (powerful)
 - I. God blesses (loving favor) us – Gen 1:22 / Josh 1:5-9 no man shall ...
 - II. We bless (grateful adoration) Him – Ps 18:46
 - III. Bless the region – I cursed Tom's plant
 - IV. **Rejoice** – “**samah**” – to brighten up, be blithe, gleesome, cheerful, merry, happy / Doc Wilson and proper cousin here “January 19, 1974” – “That's my day”
 - I. “**giyl**” – to spin around under the influence of violent emotions

- I. Ps 31:7 I will be **glad** and **rejoice** in Your mercy, for You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities,
- II. Ps 51:8 Make me hear **joy** and **gladness**, that the bones You have broken may **rejoice**. / God brings us through into victory like after Josh's cancer surgeries and treatments
- II. "sus" – to be bright, cheerful
 - I. Zeph 3:17 The Lord your God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will **rejoice** over thee with **joy**, He will quiet you with His love, He will **rejoice** over you with **singing**." / the joy I feel when holding my grandson is similar – I see everything that is right about Daniel...
 - II. Ps 35:9 my soul shall be **joyful** in the Lord, it shall **rejoice** in His salvation
 - III. Ps 119:14 I have **rejoiced** in the way of Thy testimonies, as much as in all riches
- III. "**alaz**" – to jump for joy, to exalt / Muskie ... / championship ... / pay raise ... / big sale ... / is Jesus our chief joy?
 - I. Ps 28:7 he LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly **rejoiceth** ; and with my song will I praise him.
 - II. Ps 94:3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked **triumph**?
 - III. Ps 149:5 Let the saints be **joyful** in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
- IV. "ranan" – to shout for joy or cry out, sing with a loud voice
 - I. Ps 30:5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but **joy** comes in the morning.

III. Praise & worship in the NT

- I. **All of the heart** – Luke 10:27 ... "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart , with all your soul, with all your strength , and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" / Spirit – me inside – me outside – me intellectually - all ...
- II. **Spirit and truth** - John 4:22-24 ... 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
 - I. **Spirit** - From within where the union of God's Spirit and ours exists

- II. **Truth** – Based on God's Word — Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. NIV
- III. We are His holy temples – Created to be places of worship
 - I. 1Cor 6:19 Do you not know that your body... Highest call
 - II. 1Cor 3:16-17 Do you not know that (together) you ...
- IV. We are holy priests – 1 Peter 2:5, 9; (Christ our High Priest – Heb 8:1-2)
 - I. Set apart – Chosen Priesthood
 - II. Offer spiritual sacrifices:
 - I. Praise – Hebrews 13:15 / Acts 16:25
 - II. Thanksgiving – 1Thes 5:18 in everything ... / Ps 107:22
 - III. Joy – James 1:2 Count it all joy... / Psalm 27:6
 - III. Proclaim His praises
- IV. Why do we worship and praise the Lord?
 - I. **For God** – He both enjoys it and commands it
 - I. He is worthy – Ps 18:3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.
 - II. He Desires the sacrifice of praise – Heb 13:15-16 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God,
 - III. He is enthroned in our praise – Psalm 22:3
 - IV. He commands us to praise Him – Psalm 22:23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
 - V. He is glorified – Ps 50:22-23 "Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver: 23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."
 - II. **For us** – We enjoy it and are transformed through acts of worship
 - I. He releases us through praise – Ps 2:4, 8 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.
 - I. From His throne He mocks and overthrows His enemies
 - II. From His holy habitation He establishes the Believer

- II. He is our refuge – Ps 9:4, 9 Gives aid to the oppressed in their hour of need – restores internal security
 - III. We perceive Him and are transformed – 2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. – restores true vision
 - IV. Praise expresses our confidence in Him – Ps 27:4-6 One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.
 - V. Praise is an essential element of victorious warfare — Psa 149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds. 6 Let the **high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
- III. **For the world around us**
- I. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a ... royal priesthood ... that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; - A LIGHT TO LIGHTEN ...
 - II. Rebuilding the tabernacle of David – Acts 15:16-17 **After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; ...**
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 - I. Night and day song - 1Chron 16:4
 - II. New & Old songs – 2Chron 29:25-30 / Col 3:16
- V. Biblical Physical Expressions of Worship:
- I. Ps 95:1 Oh come, **let us sing to the LORD!** Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
 - II. Ps 5:11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; **let them ever shout for joy,** because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.
 - III. Ps 47:1 Oh, **clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!**
 - IV. Ps 149:3 Let them **praise His name with the dance;** let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
 - V. Ps 134:2 **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,** and bless the LORD.
 - VI. Ps 134:1 Behold, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who by night **stand in the house of the LORD!**

VII.Ps 95:6 Oh come, **let us worship and bow down; let us kneel** before the LORD our Maker.

VIII.Ps 150:3-6 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! 6 **Let everything** that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

VI. **The Results and other Benefits of Worship** – Worship brings forth:

I. His manifest presence –

I. 2Chron 5:13-14 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, ... that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ... / Ex 29:42-46

II. The River of God flows - Ps 46:4 / John 7:37-39 ... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water...

II. Kingdom Advance

I. The Prophetic Spirit - 2Kings 3:15-16

II. The Song of the Lord - 2Chron 29:27

III. The Power of God - 2Chron 20:21-22 ... the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir ...

IV. Victory in the Soul of the Believer - Isa 61:3 To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them ... the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; ...

VII.Conclusion: God's people were created to be a people of worship and praise.

Worship and praise help us to keep all of life in proper perspective and serve to remind us that we are first and foremost the servants of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Rev 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."