

# Empowered By Praise

**G**od deserves our praise, and our praise honors Him. Praising God changes us and enriches our lives.

Praise is the primary means by which we invite the Lord to establish His presence, purpose and authority in every aspect of our lives. The reality of God's nature, and the reality of our need to praise Him, never changes. He created us to know Him, to worship Him and to give Him praise. We were made to experience His majesty and to glorify Him.

If King David were here today, he'd shout to us, "Clap your hands! Make a joyful noise with musical instruments! Shout praises to the Most High, the almighty God!"

David was a man from the Middle East. In the Middle East, you don't greet a friend with a casual hello. You greet him with excitement and an embrace! Why? Because your friend is important to you, and you want to express your feelings out loud. How much more would a Middle Easterner like David want to express his emotions upon encountering the Lord Most High! And so should we.

It's a tragedy that all too many believers have never been taught the importance of praise. Giving God the praise He deserves is vital to our spiritual growth. When we neglect to praise Him, we bottle up the power of God and prevent that power from flowing through our lives. Praising God leads to the enjoyment of God's presence in our lives.

As C. S. Lewis rightly observed, "In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him. Praise prepares us to receive blessings from God. Praise produces spiritual growth and development. Praise is the great engine that unleashes His power in our lives.

-Michael Youssef

## PSALM 100

MAKE a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands (earth)!

2) Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing

3) Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who made us and not we ourselves; we are the sheep of His pasture

4) Enter 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.

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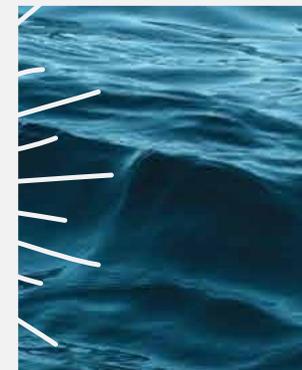


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