**Edward Church *“What is Praise?”* September 19&26, 2017**

**Our Praise should be in** Proportion **to God's** Greatness **– which means it has to be** Measureless**. The**

**more we** Praise **God the more we** Acknowledge **His** Greatness**.**

 Ps. 48:1, *Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!*

What is Praise?
**Praise** – *to command, applaud, express approval or admiration of, extol in words or song, magnify, glorify*. (to honor, celebrate)

* Praise is Proclaiming, Declaring things about God!!!!!
* We **Praise** God **Directly** by expressing our **Admiration** to Him, we say: *"You are…”*
* We **Praise** God **Indirectly** by **Magnifying** Him to others (about Him).
* Praise is Based on/ Focuses both on the Character of God/ the Acts He does towards His children.
* **God** is **Worthy** to be **Praised** just because of **Who He is**.
* Praise is a Function of Our Will, Not Our Emotions.
* We must **Will** ourselves to **Praise** even when we don't feel like it. Should be based on God's **Greatness**, not our **Feelings**.
* **Ps. 103:1** *"Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name".*
* David **Commanded** his **Soul** to **Bless** the **Lord**.
* **Ps. 43:5** *"I will bless the Lord"*
* When we truly Understand, Recognize the Greatness of God Praise comes Freely.
* **One way to know Him is by His names.**
* **Ex 15:26** *"Jehovah rapha"* the Lord the **healer**
* **Gen 22** *"Jehovah jireh"* the Lord will **provide**
* **Ezek 48:35** *"Jehovah shammah"* the Lord is **there**

What Worship Is

**Worship** is to adore reverently, to feel deep devoted love for, to regard with respect and with great awe and devotion.

When We Worship We:

* **Reverence** (fear), respect, give ourselves to totally, know (we can only worship to the degree we know), trust, center of our lives, have full security in, adoration, love, is first priority.
* **Worship** is more than songs it is our lives, and heart attitude.
* **Words** and **Songs** are not needed.

Worship Is:

* **Respect** for God the Holy One and the Great One. Ministering unto God.
* A **Heart Attitude** of **Humility**. Humbling of yourself under God – has to do with worship.
* **Worship** is not a musical activity but a function of the heart.
* It is an outpouring of our whole being in the presence of God, it is an out-flowing of our deepest love /adoration. **Luke 10:27**, *to love the Lord with all your heart*, **Matt 4:10, Lk 4:8** *to worship Him only.*
* **Worship** is birthed out of our understanding of God as He has revealed Himself to us through His Word and as we have experienced Him in our lives.