

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.