

## PRAISE STATEMENTS

### Why Do We “Need” To Praise God?

The Bible commands us to praise the Lord over and over again. Why? Why does God want us to praise him? Does he need it? Does it give him a thrill or make him feel good about himself? Does God have an ego? Why do we praise God and why does God tell us to praise him in the Bible?

Why? Because we need it; praise is for us primarily.

When we praise God, something supernatural happens. Ask the people of Jericho who watched as the entire wall surrounding the city fell when the people began to shout (See Joshua chapter 6). Ask the people of Israel what happened to the enemy troops advancing against them when they began to sing, "When they began to sing, the Lord threw the invading armies into a panic" (2 Chronicles 20:22).

When we come to realize all he has done for us we can't help but praise him.

PRAISE brings us into a new world, a new realm, the spiritual realm.

When we magnify God, our troubles begin to pale in comparison. When we talk about how great God is, we start to believe it. God wants us to hear ourselves praising him because our words are powerful. Our words change our minds, our moods and our attitudes. He wants others to hear us praising him as well because he wants us and others to remember just how awesome he is. He wants us to remember this in times of trouble so we will know where to go and to whom.

**Psalm 145:11-12** They speak of the glory of your reign and tell of your mighty works, Making known to the sons of men your mighty acts, the majestic glory of your rule.

Praise is telling God how great he is. For instance. The Bible says that God is our "Ever present help in time of need" (Psalm 46:2 or verse 1 in Protestant bibles). The Bible describes God as all knowing, all powerful, our healer and defender. God doesn't tell us he is all powerful just to brag; he tells us he is all powerful so we will trust him to fight for us. He tells us he is our defender, so we know the battle belongs to him. He tells us he heals not to impress us, but so we will trust him to heal us. God tells us how great and mighty he is for our sake. God wants to hear those words coming out of our mouths because he knows that faith comes from hearing. Eventually, we will start believing it. God tells us he is our ever-present help in our time of need because he is. He means it. He doesn't want us to doubt his love and ability and willingness to help us. He wants us to count on it.

Praise is a powerful weapon against the enemy. The devil hates to hear praise and worship coming out of our mouth. He is powerless against it. Praise defeats the ENEMY. What is your enemy. What do you fear, worry about, or dread? What do you fail at consistently? What are you addicted to. Instead of complaining about it, start praising God so you will know God is victorious. The enemy will hear you and learn that he has no chance against you.

Now use a Psalm or other Bible verse to praise God. For example take this verse. Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress." Praise God now, using this small passage of scripture. Say out loud, "Father, you are my ever-present help in time of need." You are praising God with his word. Both Praise and the Word of God are powerful weapons against evil forces. The Bible describes the word of God as the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT in Ephesians 6:16-17

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“In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all [the] flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Let the word of God come out of your mouth in the form of praise as often as you can or are willing. Are you moody? Begin praising God. Are you nervous? Begin praising God and see the enemy flee. The Bible says “So submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7)

**Psalm 66: 2-4** Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power. Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs.”

**Psalm 95:1-3** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**Psalm 96:2-3** Sing to the Lord, bless his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.

Why do we praise God? Praise Honors God and we, his people want to honor him. When we praise God, we are letting God himself know, and everyone on earth and under the earth know who we believe in and honor as our Lord. We praise God because He is worthy of all honor and glory and praise. “Great is the Lord and worthy of much praise, whose grandeur is beyond understanding. (Psalm 145:3)”

When we declare God as King of heaven and earth, we are not only obeying the scripture that tells us to, but we are announcing ourselves as his children at the same time. When we declare him king, we are maintaining a kingdom we are part of. We do it because when we do the Bible says the world will surely stand fast, never to be shaken when we recognize the true king and declare it (Psalm 96:10). When we claim Jesus King, as God demands, we become part of that KINGDOM and live under his rule and protection, and all is ours. It is ours through our declaration. We don't sign a document or join a church to become a member of God's kingdom. We are born into it through the saving power of the blood of Jesus through our very own words, which demonstrate our heart.

He governs the world with justice and the peoples with faithfulness (Psalm 96:13).

When we realize just how much God has done for us, we can't help praise him. We want the whole world to know. We don't want to keep it a secret.

**Psalm 50:23** Those who offer praise as a sacrifice honor me.

**Hebrews 13:15** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

**Psalm 138:2b** I praise your name for your mercy and faithfulness. For you have exalted over all your name and your promise.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in mercy.  
The Lord is good to all; compassionate toward all your works. Psalm 145:9  
The Lord satisfies the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:16

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The Lord is just in all his ways, Psalm 145:17

The Lord is merciful in all his works. Psalm 145:17

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. Psalm 145:18

The Lord fulfills the desire of those who fear him; Psalm 145:19

The Lord hears their cry and saves them. Psalm 145:19

The Lord watches over all who love him, Psalm 145:20

## How Do We Praise God?

The Holy Spirit shows us how to praise. Praise is fruit of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Praise is a commitment, something we do on purpose. We praise God with our words, our instruments, our actions, our posture, our countenance and with our love.

**Psalm 98:4-6** Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth; break into song; sing praise. Sing praise to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy to the King, the Lord.

**Psalm 138:2** I bow low toward your holy temple;

**Psalm 145:2** Every day I will bless you; I will praise your name forever and ever.

**Psalm 149:3** Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre.

**Psalm 47:1or2** Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise!

**Psalm 141:2** Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering. 2

**Chronicles 20:18** Then King Jehoshaphat bowed low, with his face touching the ground, and all the people bowed with him and worshiped the Lord.

When our words fail praise God in tongues. Let the Holy Spirit praise through you.

”In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. <sup>27</sup>And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will” (Romans 8:26).

## When Do We Praise God?

Always and forever.

When it feels good and when it doesn’t.

When we feel like it and when we don’t.

In good times and in bad.

Morning, noon and night.

We will praise you Lord with all our heart and declare your wondrous deeds. I will delight in you singing hymns to your name most high for my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before you. We give to you Lord, glory and might, the glory due your name. Psalm

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SAY THESE OUT LOUD as a way to express your praise to God

You may respond to each phrase with *“Praise you Jesus”* or *“Thank you Lord”*.

**You are** the everlasting God, the creator of all things. The creator of the universe.

**You are** the ever-loving and ever-living God.

**You are** our hope, the rock where we find refuge, our secure height

**You never let me down**, you never fail me. You are dependable, I can count on you. You are my Father who loves me.

**You are** faithful and true to your Word. My future is in your hands, you promise me a future full of hope.

**You promise** that your children will not have to beg for bread so I trust you for my daily bread, both now and forever. I will not fear.

**You never give up** on me you never grow tired or weary.

**You are** our provider, you supply all our needs.

**You open** wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing

**You pardon all** our sins and heal all our diseases.

**You are** the King of Kings, and Lord of all Lords. The great King over all God's. The Great I am.

**You Lord are king**. In you we will surely stand fast, never to be shaken.

**You are** all powerful, nothing is too difficult for you. With you ALL THINGS are possible. Everything is possible for Him who believes.

**You are** our ever-present help in time of need.

**You are near** to all who call upon you in truth.

**Lord You are** compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**Your unfailing love** is higher than the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**You will never** leave us nor forsake us.

**You sustain** the poor and give bread to the hungry satisfying us with the finest of wheat.

**You heal** the sick, sustain us on our sick bed and restore us to fu and raise the dead to life.

**You LORD take delight** in me; You crown the humble with victory.

**You are** our defender. Our Strong Tower, our mighty fortress. No weapon formed against us can stand. We are more than conquerors through You Lord Jesus.

**If God is for** us who can be against us. You are FOR ME. I will not fear.

**You redeem** my life from the pit and crown me with love and compassion.

**You satisfy** my desires with good things so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**You move** mountains for us, Lord,

**You move** heaven and earth for us, your children.

**You** do not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is Your love for those of us who fear You; as far as the east is from the west, You have removed our transgressions from me. We are your children, heirs in your kingdom.

**You are** our great warrior. We never fight our battles alone. You are our armor, our shield, our great protection. You are our helmet on the day of battle and

**You come** to the aid the orphan and the widow and thwart the way of the wicked.

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**You are** faithful forever, securing justice for the oppressed.

**You give** sight to the blind and raise up those who are bowed down.

You set the prisoners free, and heal the brokenhearted binding up their wounds.

**You are** the author of life, in You we live, move and have our being.

**You are** the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last. The beginning and the end.

**You preserve** our lives and keep our feet from slipping.

**You guard us** and watch over us. You command your angels to protect us.

**Truly my soul** finds rest in God; my salvation comes from Him.

**Truly He is** my rock and my salvation;

**He is my** fortress and security, I will never be shaken.

**You command** the wind and the waves. You hush the storm to silence.

**Lord you** are the Balm of Gilead. My healer.

**You are** our strength, and our champion. We can do all things through You Lord Jesus.

**You are** the way to the Father, we come boldly to the throne of grace because You bore our sins.

**You bore** our sins and carried our diseases. By Your stripes we are healed. We are free from sin because of the price You paid.

**You took** our shame and the penalty due us. I am forgiven, Jesus did not die in vain. We walk in confidence and victory because

**You are** the Font of all holiness. You are the living water. Rivers of living water flow out of me because the Holy Spirit lives in me. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in me.

**Jesus You came** to destroy the works of the devil. You are my deliverer. You delivers me from every evil.

**You are** the vine, we are the branches, without You we can do nothing.

**Jesus, You are** the Bread of Life, my sustenance.

**You are** my safety, my refuge, my God in whom I trust.

**You deliver** me from all my fears and saves me from all my troubles.

**Though the earth** be shaken and the mountains quake, though the waters rage and foam and the mountains fall, I do not fear. The Lord of Hosts is with me.

**Praise be to God**, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me.

**Lord I trust you** completely because you are trustworthy.

**You are my** Lord, my God and my King.

Enter, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, we are the people he shepherds, the sheep in his hands (Psalm 95:6-7).