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When Are We to Worship?

At all times, (Psalm 34:1) I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

Always, (Psalm 35:27) Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Everyday, (Psalm 145:1-3) I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. (2) Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. (3) Great *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable.

Throughout my life, (Psalm 146:1-2) Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. (2) While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

In the New Testament we find that the fulness of the Spirit is linked with rejoicing in the Lord and continual praise.

(Hebrews 13:15) By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

(Luke 24:53) And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Word tells us that we are not to get drunk on alcohol, which leads to wild living. Instead, we are to be filled with the Spirit and continually praise the Lord our God.

(Ephesians 5:18-20) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Where are We to Worship God?

In our homes, (Psalm 149:5, BBE) Let the saints have joy and glory: let them give cries of joy on their beds.

There are many Scriptures showing us the importance of worshiping the Lord in the church. Therefore, we know that it is important to the Lord that we come to church and worship Him.

(Psalm 22:22) I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

(Psalm 35:18) I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

(Psalm 100:2) Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

(Psalm 111:1) Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

(Psalm 134:2) Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

(Psalm 135:1-2) Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise *him*, O ye servants of the Lord. (2) Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

We are to worship the Lord before the unbeliever. We do this by giving our testimony, living a true Christian life, and giving Bible studies from house to house.

(Acts 2:46-47) And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, (47) Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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(Psalm 40:3) And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

(Psalm 126:2) Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

How are We to Worship the Lord?

We are to walk and worship the Lord according to His Word. This way we are worshipping the Lord in words and deeds.

(Psalm 119:1-2) Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. (2) Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

(Psalm 119:25) My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

(Psalm 119:37,GW) Turn my eyes away from worthless things. Give me a new life in your ways.

We are to worship the Lord with our mouths.

(Psalm 95:1) O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

(Psalm 81:1) Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

(Psalm 66:8) O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

We are to worship with our hands by clapping, lifting them up, and playing instruments.

Clapping, (Psalm 47:1) O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Clapping, (Psalm 98:8) Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together.

Lifting, (Psalm 134:2) Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

Lifting, (Psalm 141:2) Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

Instruments, (Psalm 150:3-6) Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. (4) Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. (5) Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. (6) Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

We are to worship the Lord with our body by standing, bowing, and even dancing before the Lord.

Standing, (Psalm 134:1) Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Bowing, (Psalm 95:6) O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Dancing, (Psalm 149:3) Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

Dancing, (Psalm 150:4) Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Dancing, (Acts 3:6-8) Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (7) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. (8) And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

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From the beginning of God's Word until the present time, we find that vocal praise to God has always been accepted by Him. Throughout the Bible there are audible praises of God's people for His wonderful works.

(Job 38:7) *When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

(Luke 19:37) *And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen.*

(Revelation 4:8-11) *And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. (9) And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, (10) The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, (11) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

There should be times of worship and praise. The congregation should be both a worshipping and praising people. Worship is bowing down in deep prostration of the spirit before God; praise is the expression of thanks, gratitude, adoration, and applause for the goodness of God.

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