

Shedding Light on Bible Words & Facts

Study # 15 - Praise & Thanksgiving

Praise is an expression of approval or admiration; Thanksgiving expresses gratitude. The two are linked in worship – **1 Chronicles 23:30**.

When the trumpeters & singers united in praising & thanking the Lord at the dedication of Solomon's Temple, the Glory of the Lord filled the House of God – **2 Chronicles 5:13-14**.

Praise always glorifies Him – **Psalm 50:23**. When Paul & Silas prayed & sang in prison, God acted on their behalf – **Acts 16:25**. Their praise was literally hymn-singing.

God delivered the people of Israel from their enemies when they began to sing & to praise – **2 Chronicles 20:21-22**.

This is an important element in the missionary enterprise – **Psalm 96**.

Even though it may be only a joyful sound – **Psalm 66:1-2**, it characterizes the homes of the godly – **Psalm 118:15**. Christ is said to praise God in the midst of the Church – **Hebrews 2:12**.

Thanksgiving can be expressed with vocal & instrumental music in worship – **Psalm 147:7**.

As an indispensable element in prayer the promise of peace is associated with it – **Philippians 4:6-7**.

The ungodly do not give thanks – **Romans 1:21**; but... it is the revealed Will of God that all Christians thank Him in everything – **1 Thessalonians 5:18**.

One mark of the filling of the Spirit is the giving of thanks to God always for all things – **Ephesians 5:18-20**.

Closing Thought – Let praise & thanksgiving always be an integral part of our Christian walk & worship.

