

WHO GETS YOUR PRAISE?

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Why do some people get so much attention and praise? A lot of the time people gain fame and praises for something they accomplished, maybe their talents. Some become famous for reasons that are not honorable.

You may not realize it, but when we give time, attention, and especially our praise to another person, we are praising that person. What makes someone worthy of praise?

God—more than anyone else—is worthy of our praise and glorifying Him. God reveals His glory through His goodness, His power, His love, and His character. God is the only One that's truly worthy of our praise, our time and our attention.

God is the all-powerful One who created everything. I mean everything. Just look around and you will see that the earth and everything on and around it did not happen by chance. [“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.” \(Psalm 19:1\)](#)

[“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” \(Genesis 1:1\)](#) Do you believe this? If so, you should not have a problem believing any other part of the Bible.

What about this verse? [“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!” \(Psalm 150:6\)](#) Jesus had this to say would happen if people did not praise Him: [“But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!” \(Luke 19:40\)](#) What existed on the earth before God created the heavens and the earth?

How does creation proclaim God's greatness? Check out the variety of nature and the details God put into creation: animals, plants, people, and the variety of colors, intricate details. Just like a clump of clay would stay formless without an artist shaping and creating the artwork, the world would be formless without our Creator, God, shaping life into existence. Remember this verse: [“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.” \(Psalm 19:1\)](#)

[“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!” \(Psalm 150:6\)](#) How can you make this verse personal? By remembering “everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Since we all have breath in our lungs, this means you and me.

Jesus is a loving and merciful Savior. This is not a surprise to you. God gave His Son, Jesus, to rescue us. Once you have the understanding of this, you realize your life, compared to Jesus' life, will not be perfect, because Jesus is the only one to live a perfect life. Because of His perfect life He has the authority to mercifully save us from enduring the punishment we deserve. God has provided the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ. We should worship God because He has taken on the punishment we deserve. [“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” \(Romans 5:8\)](#)

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in our place shows His acknowledgement of God's worth and power. It also shows of His obedience to God and His will. That Jesus willingly went to the cross also shows His submission (surrender) to God's great plan of salvation. The very fact that Jesus was willing to

suffer the great pains from the crucifixion on the cross shows that He trusted God's plan, and so can we.

How does sacrifice show love? Sacrifices come in all sorts of ways. How should your understanding of Jesus' sacrifice for your salvation motivate you to worship and glorify the Lord? I call it "an attitude of gratitude." I suggest we live in awe of His power, sacrifice and love. David wrote this instruction for us to follow: "Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting." (Psalm 106:1) How long is everlasting/forever?

Our God is faithful and eternal. God is a steady influence even when life seems uncertain. Some of you may be facing stress, pressure, uncertainty at home. No matter the problem, big or small, God is aware of it. He has seen them all and nothing surprises Him. Because of His faithfulness, we can trust Him in all things. Because of this, we should strive to live in a way that glorifies Him.

"²² The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)

"The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting." (I Chronicles 16:34)

What promises can we claim from these scriptures? No matter the size of your problem, because of God's greatness, and His never-ending love for you, you should give thanks. Let me ask you this question: How does trusting God bring glory to Him? It brings Him glory when we complete the mission He has for our lives; it develops our testimony.

If you praise God during the difficult as well as the good situations of life, who around you might see your example and be changed? How might your heart and attitude be changed? Don't forget to praise God, and have a blessed week.

The Praise Is Yours--

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