

## ***Worship and Praise ... God's Way!***

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### ***Psalm 98:1-6***

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth..."*

#### **How does God desire His people to worship Him?**

"This section [Psalm 98:4-6] demonstrates the enthusiastic worship of a people who have deep love for God. Their worship is active and noisy."<sup>1</sup>

- ❖ Enthusiastic Worship is pleasing and honoring to God! Each one of God's people is an active participant in praise and worship!
- ❖ God desires "...true worshipers [who] will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him." John 4:23
  - f "In spirit" means in the Holy Spirit.  
*"Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says 'Jesus is accursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:3*
  - f "In truth" means according to the revealed truth in God's Word.  
*"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you." John 16:13-14*

#### **How do we, as God's people, actively participate?**

📖 Psalm 98

- ❖ Worship flows from the marvelous things God has done in salvation! *Psalm 98:1-3*
- ❖ Worship is joyous! *Psalm 98:4*
- ❖ Worship includes musical instruments: lyres (stringed musical instrument), trumpets, horns.  
*Psalm 98:5-6*  
*Psalm 150:3-6*
- ❖ Worship involves singing. *Psalm 98:4-5*

*Psalm 47:1-2 "Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth."*

*Psalm 63:3-4 "Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands."*

*1 Timothy 2:8 "I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;"*

*Psalm 68:24-26 "Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary—the singers in front, the musicians last, between them virgins playing tambourines: 'Bless God in the great congregation, the Lord, O You who are of Israel's fountain!'"*

*Psalm 149:1-3 "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!"*

**Is Worship and Praise motivated by feelings or by choice?**

❖ Worship is an act of our will.

*Psalm 101:1 “I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O Lord, I will make music.”*

*Psalm 104:33-34 “I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord.”*

*Psalm 34:1-3 “I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!”*

*Psalm 145:1-2,21 “I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.”*

**Where is it appropriate to enthusiastically worship and praise our God?**

❖ We worship God together as His church.

*Psalm 22:22 “I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:”*

*Psalm 26:12 “My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.”*

*Psalm 40:8-10 “‘I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.’ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O Lord. I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation.”*

*Psalm 35:18 “I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You.”*

📖 Psalm 95:1-3

**Endnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> Sproul, R.C. *The Reformation Study Bible*. Orlando: Ligonier Ministries, 2005.

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**Study Questions:**

How often should we praise the Lord? *Psalm 34:1-3*

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What are we to continually offer to God? *Hebrews 13:15*

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List six ways that God desires us to praise Him with. *Psalm 47:1; 98:4-6; 63:4; 149:1-3*

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What instruments do we find used in praise? *Psalm 150:3-5; 68:25*

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