

The Point of Praise.

Review:

- **Worship:** Typical rendering of “worship”
 - H7812 - to *depress*, i.e. *prostrate* - bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.
 - G4352 - (meaning to *kiss*, like a dog *licking* his master’s hand); to *fawn* or *crouch to*, i.e. (literal or figurative) *prostrate* oneself in homage (*do reverence to*, *adore*)
 - In **Acts 19:35** “*worshipper*” is a “*temple keeper*” or “*temple sweeper*.”
- God chose us to be a people of praise. **1 Peter 2:9-12; John 4:23-24**
- The believer’s capacity for praise in the midst of a great trial.
Paul and Silas in prison. **Acts 16.**
Abraham – the price of worship. His “*only son!*” **Genesis 22:2-14**

1. Why did God make us to be a people of praise? **Ephesians 5:16-20**

- These are evil days. See why. **2 Corinthians 4:4** compare **1 Peter 2:9-12**
 We must be wise! **Vs 17-18**
- **How can we be filled with the Spirit?** Compare **Colossians 3:16**

KEY: The worshipper must _____ the riches of the Word of God (_____)

as _____ by the Spirit of God (_____) - else their worship inevitably falls into error and confusion.

To properly worship God, you are making the commitment to _____ the Word of God.

That takes _____.

It requires _____. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16**.

1 Corinthians 2:9-13. Enlist the help of the Holy Spirit as you learn God’s Word.

We can only ***speak*** what we ***know***. We can only ***live*** what we ***know***.

Our lives can only ***shine*** the light that we have.

Why did God give us His Word? **John 5:39**

That you might KNOW Jesus.

That not only effects what we say but it also provokes our praise! **Vs 19-20**

- **KEY:** Evil days _____ praise!
- The ULTIMATE REASON to praise and worship God - **2 Corinthians 4:5-18**

2. How praise should be manifest in our lives.

Praise is declaring God's worth and His Glory before the world with the express purpose of seeing Him exalted above all!

- **KEY:** Praise takes _____, and flows _____ as you examine the subject in Scripture.

Psalms 146:2; 150:6; 107:8; 109:30; Isaiah 12:4-6

Praise takes two _____:

ONE: Testimony – or speaking of what God has done in your life.

TWO: Song – in singing the praises of God.

- **Praise flows two _____:**

ONE: To God! (vertical)

TWO: to the multitudes! (horizontal) Consider **Romans 15:7-11**

- **KEY:** It is thru our praise of God, that this ministry will move forward to the GLORY of God.

KEY: Worship done _____ warps our _____ of God.

That in turn further _____ our worship!

Praise should be enjoyable for you, but it is not just for you!

Psalms 22:3 compare **1 Corinthians 14:24-25** see also **2 Chronicles 5:1-14**