

Praise - Observations

- I. Introduction
 - A. Why do you think praise is important in the life of a believer?
 - B. Praise your spouse, family, or friend.
 - C. What form did your praise take (e.g., I am thankful for, You/he/she is..., I like...)?
- II. Scripture and Definition
 - A. "**Praise**" (248 times), "**Praises**" (29 times), "**Praised**" (26 times), "**Praising**" (10 times), and "**Praiseth**" (1 time), or 314 total times in the KJV Bible. Most are praise to God.
 - B. Meaning (What is Praise): American Heritage Dictionary says, "1. An expression of *warm approval* or *admiration*. 2. The *extolling* of a *deity*, *ruler*, or *hero*. -v *praised*, *praising*. 1. To express warm approval of or admiration for; *commend*; *applaud*. 2. To extol or *exalt*; *worship*."
 - C. Select Observations.
 1. **Psa. 22:26**—"The meek shall eat and be satisfied: **they shall praise the LORD that seek Him: your heart shall live forever.**"
 2. **Psa. 111:1**—"I will praise the LORD **with my whole heart.**"
 3. **Psa. 150:6**—"Let **everything that hath breath praise the LORD.**"
 4. **Isa. 61:3**—"To appoint...the **garment of praise** for the spirit of heaviness."
 5. **Eph. 1:12**—"That we should **be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ.**"
 6. **Php. 4:8**—"...if there be any **praise, think on these things.**"
 7. **Heb. 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**"
 - D. Select Results and Others.
 1. Praise R_____ (**Pro. 27:21**—"As the **[re]fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.**")
 2. The disobedient "**praise the W_____**" (**Pro. 28:4**—"They that forsake the law **praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.**")

3. Praise is P_____ by children (*Mat. 21:16*—“*And said unto Him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?’*”)
4. Seek “*the Praise of G_____*,” not man (*John 12:43*—“*For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.*” *Rom. 2:29*—“*But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*” *1Co. 4:5*—“*Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.*”)
5. Those who do not praise God become V_____, F_____, and D_____ their heart (*Rom. 1:21*—“*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*”)

III. Application

- A. Do you believe being a praiser makes you better? Why/Why not?

- B. Will you Praise God and/or your mate or other family member once each day this week?

- C. Does praising your spouse, children, family, friends, and others give them love?

- D. What are some good ways to praise God?