

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

A. What Is Praise?

1. Pastora Karen says that “Praise” is praising God and singing to Him to thank Him for all the good things that He has done; and for all that He will continue to do for His people. It is a horizontal relationship of heartfelt gratitude for His marvelous works. Praise is also a weapon of spiritual warfare that helps you have victory and will set you free. Sing with gladness, joy, and celebration.

B. What Is Worship?

1. Pastora Karen says, that when you “Worship” God it is loving Him and adoring Him with slow beautiful songs with all of your heart instead of talking about it. It is singing songs that are very meaningful and worshipful in reverence to Him. It is a vertical relationship of your worship as a son or daughter singing to Him, not just singing about Him. It is seeking His Presence and His anointing which allows His glory to fall upon you. It should become an intimate communion between you and God as your only focus drawing you close to Him.

C. References about Praise

1. 2 Chron 20:21,22,25 21 [Jehoshaphat] appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever.” Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. 25...They were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.
2. Ps 22:3 (KJV) But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
3. Ps 47:1 Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
4. Ps 66:1-2 Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.
5. Ps 86:12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore.
6. Ps 95:1-3 1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. 3 For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods.

7. Ps 96:1-4 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
8. Ps 150:4 Praise Him with tambourine and dancing; praise Him with stringed instruments and flute.
9. Zeph 3:17 "The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.
10. Acts 16:25-26 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.
11. Willie Myrick, when he was 10 years old was set free by his kidnapper after singing the song "Every Praise" by Hezekiah Walker. This is a good example of praise stopping the avenger (Ps 8:2)!

D. References about Worship

1. 1 Chron 16:29 Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
2. Ps 86:9 All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.
3. Ps 95:6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
4. Is 10:27 The anointing breaks every yoke of bondage.
5. Jn 4:23 (AMPC) A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers.
6. Eph 5:18-19 Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.
7. Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
8. A good example of an extremely anointed worship song is "Holy Forever" by Chris Tomlin. This shows how to worship God as a true worshiper in spirit and in truth.