

No Surprise

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The Psalms end with an encouragement that will surprise no one. This last Psalm emphasizes that all those who know God, who see Him for who He is, who recognize His work, who trust Him, have one inevitable response – they celebrate Him.

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praise him in his mighty heavens!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his
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³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

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Answer: Understanding the difference between [praise](#) and [worship](#) can bring a new depth to the way we honor the Lord. Throughout the Bible, the commands to "praise the Lord" are too numerous to mention. Angels and the heavenly hosts are commanded to praise the Lord ([Psalm 89:5](#); [103:20](#); [148:2](#)). All inhabitants of the earth are instructed to praise the Lord ([Psalm 138:4](#); [Romans 15:11](#)). We can praise Him with singing ([Isaiah 12:5](#); [Psalm 9:11](#)), with shouting

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([Psalm 33:1](#); [98:4](#)), with the dance ([Psalm 150:4](#)), and with musical instruments ([1 Chronicles 13:8](#); [Psalm 108:2](#); [150:3-5](#)).

Praise is the joyful recounting of all God has done for us. It is closely intertwined with thanksgiving as we offer back to God appreciation for His mighty works on our behalf. Praise is universal and can be applied to other relationships as well. We can praise our family, friends, boss, or paperboy.

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Praise does not require anything of us. It is merely the truthful acknowledgment of the righteous acts of another. Since God has done many wonderful deeds, He is worthy of praise ([Psalm 18:3](#)).

Worship, however, comes from a different place within our spirits. Worship should be reserved for God alone ([Luke 4:8](#)). Worship is the art of losing self in the adoration of another. Praise can be a part of worship, but worship goes beyond praise.

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Praise is easy; worship is not. Worship gets to the heart of who we are. To truly worship God, we must let go of our self-worship. We must be willing to humble ourselves before God, surrender every part of our lives to His control, and adore Him for who He is, not just what He has done. Worship is a lifestyle, not just an occasional activity. Jesus said the Father is seeking those who will worship Him "in spirit and in truth" ([John 4:23](#)).

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CS Lewis, Reflections on the Psalms

“The Psalmists in telling everyone to praise God are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about.”

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“But the most obvious fact about praise -- whether of God or anything -- strangely escaped me. I thought of it in terms of compliment, approval, or the giving of honor. I had never noticed that all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise. ... The world rings with praise -- lovers praising their mistresses, readers their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favorite game... My whole, more general difficulty about praise of God depended on my absurdly denying to us, as

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regards the supremely Valuable, what we delight to do, what indeed we can't help doing about everything else. I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation."

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**How do we experience God's goodness and
excellence?**

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Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

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**We celebrate God wholeheartedly,
without reservation, enthusiastically.**

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**Everyone who experiences God
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