Reasons for Giving



7 Reasons for Giving Praise & Thanksgiving to God

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God encourages it.

- A. "I Will bless The Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalms 34:1
- B. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalms 156
- C. "Giving thanks always for the things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20
 - D. "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, rejoice." Philippians 4:4
 - E. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I These. 5:18
 - F. "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." Hebrews 13:15

God deserves it.

- A. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him."

 Psalm 28:7
 - B. Oh that man would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Psalms 107:8-9

God inhabits praise.

Praise is God's address. Praises is where God lives. If you want to live where God lives, you had better learn to praise Him.

"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." Psalms 22:3

God blesses those who praise Him.

4. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him." Psalm: 67:5-7

Praise keeps you focused on God.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2

Praise demonstrates and or facilitates faith.

6. "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Hebrews 11:16

Praise gives victory over circumstances

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Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, and brought them to the magistrates, saying, these men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, and teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them; who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and saying praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them. And 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 bands were loosed." Acts 16:19-26

"And when her Masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught