

*Grace Chapel*



FOUNDATION BIBLE COURSE - WEEK 8

## **Prayer - Praise and Worship**

Wednesday 22nd November 2006

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- Our prayers are as incense to God.  
Revelation 8:3-4

- Malachi 1:11 God's name will be great  
in the world because of the prayers of  
the saints.

- There are several forms of prayer for  
different needs. We are going to look  
at praise and worship.

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## **Worship**

- Idolise: love unquestioningly and uncritically or to  
excess
- show devotion
- honor and adoration directed to God.

We can worship God by singing, clapping,  
dancing, lifting hands, being still, making a joyful  
noise.

Praise is therefore one way in which to worship  
God.

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We can praise God with:

- Singing (Psalm 66:4)
- Music (1 Chronicles 23:5)
- Shouting (Ezra 3:11)

But what are we singing, playing and shouting?

Praise is the act of making positive statements about a person, object or idea, either in public or privately.

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• Praise is telling God how great He is. Examples of praise are throughout the bible and especially in the book of Psalms:

- Exodus 15:2
- I Chronicles 16:25
- Psalm 44:8 etc....

Praise is not Thanks. You can praise God even when there is seemingly nothing to thank Him for.

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### There is power in praise

- Children of Judah fight the enemy 2 Chronicles 20:22
- Paul and Silas released from prison (Acts 16:23-26)

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## Praise brings change

- As we praise God we begin to see that despite circumstances He is still the same (Malachi 3:6) and His promises are yes and amen. (2 Corinthians 1:20)
- Praise is a sacrifice so needs to be done even when it is hard. (Hebrews 13:15)
- When we praise we bring about change because we are obeying His commandment (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

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- God inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3) so when we praise, God's Spirit starts to move in our midst.
- It is the presence of God that brings about change.
- Praise should be part of our whole lifestyle (Psalm 34:1) so that we are always in the presence of God

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