

KEEP MOVING FORWARD PART 4 – SERVICE OF PRAISE

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Worship

- God wants you to enter deeper, He does not want you to stay in the same place of worship and in your life
- The arms of the Lord are wide open ready to embrace you and do something in your life
- We go deeper by worshipping, speaking to Him and laying our lives down before Him
- Worship Him with your heart, hands and voice
- You need to focus on Him
- His arms are open and He is ready and willing to touch you
- God wants to guide you, God wants you to know that He is with you

Word

- Keep moving forward
- It is important for the church to keep moving forward
- We as a people need to keep moving forward, you don't stop, you don't go back
- You need to stand your ground
- During pressure, we need to keep standing
- It is in the standing that you will be moving forward
- Make this declaration: "I am going to keep moving forward"

Romans 12:1 AMP

I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.

- Take hold of a spiritual service, a service that belongs to God alone
- Our first primary service is with God and from that service we start to serve the people of God
- We need to understand how to bring that service to God especially when you are alone
- Service of praise is our spiritual service
- God created us firstly to praise Him
- We need to love God and praise Him with all our hearts, mind and body
- Service of praise does not belong to you
- We need to serve God according to His criteria
- Bring your whole body as a living sacrifice before God

Baby basics of the service of Praise

- God loves the fact that we understand how to bring a service unto Him

1. How do we bring a service of praise?

Psalm 47:1, 5 AMP

O CLAP your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph and songs of joy! God has ascended amid shouting, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet

Jeremiah 31:7 AMP

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob and shout for the head of the nations [on account of the chosen people, Israel]. Proclaim, praise and say, The Lord has saved His people, the remnant of Israel!

Zechariah 9:9 AMP

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O Daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you, He is [uncompromisingly] just and having salvation [triumphant and victorious], patient, meek, lowly and riding on a donkey, upon a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Luke 19:37-40 AMP

As He was approaching [the city], at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God [extolling Him exultantly and] loudly for all the mighty miracles and works of power that they had witnessed, Crying, Blessed (celebrated with praises) is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven [freedom there from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin] and glory (majesty and splendor) in the highest [heaven]! And some of the Pharisees from the throng said to Jesus, Teacher, reprove Your disciples! He replied, I tell you that if these keep silent, the very stones will cry out.

Psalms 150:3-5 AMP

Praise Him with trumpet sound, praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with tambourine and [single or group] dance, praise Him with stringed and wind instruments or flutes! Praise Him with resounding cymbals, praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath and every breath of life praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)

Revelation 14:1-4 AMP

THEN I looked and behold, the Lamb stood on Mount Zion and with Him 144,000 [men] who had His name and His Father's name inscribed on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of great waters and like the rumbling of mighty thunder, the voice I heard [seemed like the music] of harpists accompanying themselves on their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne [of God] and before the four living creatures and before the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin]. No one could learn [to sing] that song except the 144,000 who had been ransomed (purchased, redeemed) from the earth. These are they who have not defiled themselves by relations with women, for they are [pure as] virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These are they who have been ransomed (purchased, redeemed) from among men as the firstfruits for God and the Lamb.

Psalms 134:2 AMP

Lift up your hands in holiness and to the sanctuary and bless the Lord [affectionately and gratefully praise Him]!

Psalms 95:6 AMP

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker [in reverent praise and supplication].

1.1 We bring a service of praise with our voice and our mouth

- We need to lift our voices to the King of kings
- We need to let go of ourselves and worship God
- Our voices need to come to alignment with the service of praise
- We need to magnify God
- Life and death is in the power of the tongue
- When we give our voices to God, something supernatural will happen
- Everything is subject to the name of Jesus. Our voices need to know only one name: JESUS. What you magnify with your voice, will become your reality
- Our voices need to be given back to God

1.2 You give service with your hands

- We were made and created to worship and praise God
- When we clap and lift our hands we show the world who is important to us
- God demands a service of praise unto Him
- We exalt the One that is above all the things of this world
- The neighbourhood and surroundings need to hear who we serve

1.3 We bring service with our bodies (legs, dancing and jumping)

- Many times we do not feel like dancing and worshiping but it is not about us
- Service needs to be done with a smile
- Do not be too dignified and proud to dance and shout
- Praising has nothing to do with us, it's about bringing a service to God
- It's not about your personality, self-consciousness or feelings
- It's all about who He is

2. What happens when we bring that service of praise

2.1 God comes and lives with His people, He inhabits the praises of His people

Psalm 22:3 AMP

But You are holy, O You Who dwell in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered].

- **God rewards praise with Himself**
- God wants to be present with us, He wants to dwell with us
- God wants to manifest Himself within our lives when we praise
- We know too much and do too little
- We cannot allow our knowledge to overpower our faith
- We need to know and believe that our Saviour is alive
- We need to align our hearts and our bodies in true praise

2.2 God will anoint His people

2 Chronicles 5:13-14 AMP

And when the trumpeters and singers were joined in unison, making one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and other instruments for song and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good, for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever, then the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

- Our service of praise will become so powerful that God's anointing will be felt and experienced
- God will fill His temple with his presence, we are the temple of God

2.3 God begins to deal with your enemies on your behalf

Psalm 149:4-9 AMP

For the Lord takes pleasure in His people, He will beautify the humble with salvation and adorn the wretched with victory. Let the saints be joyful in the glory and beauty [which God confers upon them], let them sing for joy upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and a two-edged sword in their hands, To wreak vengeance upon the nations and chastisement upon the peoples, To bind their kings with chains and their nobles with

fetters of iron, To execute upon them the judgment written. He [the Lord] is the honor of all His saints. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)

- When there is service of praise, God begins to fight your battles for you
- It is time to praise your way out of your circumstances, doubt, poverty, depression, etc.
- Praise should not just happen when you are with the body at cell or church but it needs to be in your inner room when you are alone with God
- God Himself wants to inhabit your life
- Your service of praise is more important when no one sees you
- Keep moving forward