

Welcome To
Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



*“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” **Col 1:28***

SNBF Fall Schedule

Tonight we conclude our summer schedule.

We will continue meeting weekly in the Fall, starting on Sept. 13, 5-7 PM.

6 categories of Psalms

1. Royal Psalms.
2. Wisdom Psalms.
3. Lament Psalms.
4. Imprecatory Psalms.
5. Messianic Psalms.
6. Praise Psalms.

The Praise Psalms

9; 19; 24; 27; 30; 33; 34; 36; 40; 46; 48; 54; 57; 61; 65; 66; 67; 75; 76; 81; 87; 91; 92; 95; 98; 100; 101; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108; 110; 111; 112; 116; 117; 118; 124; 135; 136; 139; 145; 146; 147; 148; 149; 150

1. They are called “Praise” because they are a declaration of praise to God.

2. Praise psalms are usually divided into two categories: ***Declarative*** and ***Descriptive*** praise.

3. **Declarative Praise Psalm:**

- Often called the “Thanksgiving Psalm”.
- They are divided into two groups:
 - Praise of the Individual.
 - Praise of the Community.

4. **Descriptive Praise Psalm**

- Will offer praise to God for His attributes.

Form of the Declarative Praise Psalm

Examples: 18, 21, 30, 32, 34, 40, 41, 66, 106, 116, 138.

1. Proclamation to praise God.

- The psalm will begin with a clear intention to praise
e.g. “I will praise”
- The psalmist will tell others what God has done.
- The vow of praise (made during the prayer) may have been made in private, but the payment of that vow must be in public.
- This type of psalm is essentially a “testimony.”

2. Report of the deliverance.

- The psalmist will look back at the time of need and report the deliverance.
- The frequent elements in this report are: “I cried . . . He heard . . He drew me out (or whatever).”

3. Praise or renewed vow of praise.

- The psalmist now offers praise.
Declares the saving deeds of the LORD.

4. Descriptive praise or instruction.

Form of a Descriptive Praise Psalm

Examples: 28, 36, 105, 111, 113, 117, 135, 136, 146, and 147.

1. Prologue

Hallelu Yah! The psalm begins with an expression of praise.

הללו יה
Hallel u Yah
You, Praise Yah!

“hallelujah” first occurs in the Psalms in Psalm 104:35 and it only occurs 23 times in the Psalms (104:35; 105:45; 106:1, 48; 112:1; 113:1, 9; 115:18; 116:19; 117:2; 135:1, 3, 21; 146:1, 10; 147:1, 20; 148:1, 14; 149:1, 9; 150:1, 6).

No psalm that is labeled as a psalm of David contains *hallelujah*.

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2. Call to Praise

3. Cause for Praise

- Reason for the praise.
- Normally a summary statement of the cause for praise followed by specific illustrations of it.
- Summary usually has two parts:
 - God's greatness.
 - God's grace.
- God is often praised for his creation and his sustaining of nature.
 - some of these psalms have been called "Hymns to the Creator."

4. Conclusion

Renewed call to praise for the reasons expressed in the psalm or an exhortation, or a petition, or even a lesson.

5. Epilogue

Hallelu Yah! This expression may also appear at the end of the passage (although it is not always present).

Ps 148

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light!

4 Praise Him, highest heavens, And the waters that are above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created.

6 He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which will not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, Sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

9 Mountains and all hills; Fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and winged fowl;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;

12 Both young men and virgins; Old men and children.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.

14 And He has lifted up a horn for His people, Praise for all His godly ones; Even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him.

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

2 Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

3 Praise Him with trumpet sound;

Praise Him with harp and lyre.

4 Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.

5 Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

Praise Psalm

“Always Trusting, Always Praising”

Psalm 146

August 23, 2015

I. Praise requires DETERMINATION(1,2)

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

“Praise” – to tell of the greatness of another.

“Yahweh” – the object of our praise. He is the
eternal covenant-keeping God.

“O my soul” – we need to exhort or instruct
ourselves to praise the Lord.

“We cannot be too firm in the holy resolve to praise God, for it is the chief end of our living and being that we should glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

- Charles Spurgeon

Ps 22:3

3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabits the praises of Israel.

“inhabit” (yashab) – to be comfortable, to settle in, to abide.

2 I will praise the Lord while I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- “I will” - the psalmist reveals his determination to praise the LORD. Therefore praise is to be purposeful & intentional.
- Praising God every day as long as you live won't happen naturally or because you have an up-beat disposition. It requires a God-ward focus, where you see every blessing and every trial coming from His loving hand.
- It is good for us to renew daily our commitment to praise the Lord.

II. Praise follows EVALUATION. (3,4)

3 Do not trust in princes, In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.

4 His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; In that very day his thoughts perish.

- “princes” – influential men in authority.
- Men's ambitions, expectations, declarations, and boastings all vanish into thin air when the breath of life vanishes from their bodies.
- The powerful man in whom you trust is one breath away from the grave, where he will be no help at all.
- He may be a powerful prince today, but tomorrow he could be a corpse.
- You may have the king's favor today, but tomorrow, others could be in power that dislike you.
- “he returns to the earth”

Gen 3:19

19 By the sweat of your face
You will eat bread,
Till you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return."

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- “he returns to the earth”
- “Thoughts” - plans, purposes, projects.
- Ultimate solutions are only found in God, not man.

Ps 144:4

4 Man is like a mere breath;
His days are like a passing shadow.

Jer 17:5-8

5 Thus says the Lord,
"Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind
And makes flesh his strength,
And whose heart turns away from the Lord.

6 "For he will be like a bush in the desert
And will not see when prosperity comes,
But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness,
A land of salt without inhabitant.

7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord
And whose trust is the Lord.

8 "For he will be like a tree planted by the water,
That extends its roots by a stream
And will not fear when the heat comes;
But its leaves will be green,
And it will not be anxious in a year of drought
Nor cease to yield fruit.

“If we trust in men we will get what men can do, but if we trust in God we will get what God can do.”

- James E. Rosscup

“Man is a creature and needy, and at best is vain and dying. To lean upon him, or to hope in the son of man, is to depend upon dust rather than Deity.”

- William Heslop

III. Praise is built on EXPECTATION. (5)

5 How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the Lord his God,

- **“blessed”** – manifold excitement, manifold happiness.
- Literally the text says, “Oh the manifold happiness that is found in he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the Lord his God.
- **“God of Jacob”** – this connects God’s covenantal relationship all the way back to the patriarchs. All of God’s faithful dealings with His people are tied to this phrase.
- Four thousand years from the time of the patriarchs to our own day God has proven to be faithful to His Word, faithful to His covenant, faithful to His promises, and faithful to His people. God is our help and our hope and we delight to trust and praise Him.
- God is our help in the present and our hope in the future. No human person, no matter how influential, can provide such help and hope.

Acts 26:6,7,22

6 "And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers;

7 the promise to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve God night and day. And for this hope, O King, I am being accused by Jews.

22 "So, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place;

Rom 15:4,13

4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

IV. Praise declares God's MANIFESTATIONS.

6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

“who keeps being faithful forever”

Heb 10:23

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

7 Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry. Yahweh sets the prisoners free.

Isa 61:1

61 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
Because the Lord has anointed me
To bring good news to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners;

8 Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind; Yahweh raises up those who are bowed down;
Yahweh loves the righteous;

Matt 5:10

"Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Rom 8:35

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

We especially learn to trust and praise God when He brings us into overwhelming situations that are beyond our ability.

9 Yahweh protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, But He thwarts the way of the wicked.

Deut 14:28-29

28 "At the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit it in your town.

29 "The Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and the alien, the orphan and the widow who are in your town, shall come and eat and be satisfied, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Isa 1:17

17 Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Reprove the ruthless,
Defend the orphan,
Plead for the widow.

Zech 7:9-10

9 Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother;
10 and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.'

9 Yahweh protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, But He thwarts the way of the wicked.

- *“thwarts” - to bend, to curve, to make crooked, to distort, to overturn, to turn upside down”.*
- *He overturns their plans.*
- *He defeats their schemes.*
- *He makes their purposes accomplish what they did not intend they should accomplish.*
- *He makes the straight path of the wicked a crooked path.*
- *He prevents their accomplishing their own designs;*
- *He makes their plans subservient to a higher and better purpose than their own.*

12 things to praise the Lord for:

1. Yahweh created the heaven and earth.
2. Yahweh created the sea and all that it contains.
3. Yahweh is faithful.
4. Yahweh executes justice.
5. Yahweh gives food to the hungry.
6. Yahweh sets prisoners free.
7. Yahweh opens blind eyes.
8. Yahweh raises up the downtrodden and depressed.
9. Yahweh loves the righteous.
10. Yahweh protects the strangers.
11. Yahweh supports the fatherless and the widows.
12. Yahweh thwarts the way of the wicked.

Who is this God that we trust and praise?

He is the God that aids the helpless and the hopeless.

V. Praise extends to all GENERATIONS. (10)

10 The Lord will reign forever,

Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Yahweh presently reigns and will reign forever for the good of His people.

2 testimonies of a life of praise –

Mr. John Janeway on his deathbed cried out, "Come, help me with praises, yet all is too little. Come, help me, all ye mighty and glorious angels, who are so well skilled in the heavenly work of praise! Praise him, all ye creatures upon earth; let every thing that hath being help me to praise God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise is now my work, and I shall be engaged in this sweet work now and for ever. Bring the Bible; turn to David's Psalms, and let us sing a Psalm of praise. Come, let us lift up our voices in the praises of the Most High. I will sing with you as long as my breath doth last, and when I have none, I shall do it better."

"Let this be a sure sign unto you of my faith and perseverance in the truth, that so long as I am able to hold open my mouth, or to whisper, I will never cease to praise God, and to profess his truth";

George Carpenter
Bavarian martyr

Application

1. A life of praise is in response to a faithful God.
2. Praise should come naturally, but some believers never praise God.
3. Praise should come regularly, but many believers are sporadic in their statement of delight in Him.
4. There can be no greater blessing than to be related to the Creator of the universe. Our trust and praise should reflect it.
5. The Lord will always be King, therefore we will continue our journey . . . always trusting, always praising.