

"Prayer and Praise"

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture references are from the NIV Bible.

Prayer is Vital and Always Important.

Luke 19:46 "‘It is written’ he said to them, ‘My house will be a house of prayer;’ but you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’"

Isaiah 56:7 "...these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Prophetic Word for 2016:

Prayer must be a priority.

Praying for leadership. Bless or curse

Prayer is the switch that turns the power on.

Attitude of Gratitude

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus."

Sacrifice of Praise

Hebrews 13:15 "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name."

Thanksgiving

2 Chronicles 20:20b-21 "'Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.' After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: 'Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.'"

"...for His lovingkindness is everlasting" Psalm 136 (NASB).

Psalm 103:17 "But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children..."

Philippians 4:4-6 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Revelation 21:3 “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.’”

Romans 1:20-27 “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Revelation 4:11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

1 Samuel 30:6 “David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God.”

Psalms 100:4 “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

1. The Lord is good.

Psalms 23:6 “Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

Exodus 33:18-19 “Then Moses said, ‘Now show me your glory.’ And the LORD said, ‘I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.’”

Matthew 19:17 “‘Why do you ask me about what is good?’” Jesus replied. “‘There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.’”

2. Lovingkindness is everlasting.

Psalms 31:19 “How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you.”

3. His faithfulness to all generations.

4. Praise and give thanks.

5. Two slaves

a. Pleasing self

b. Pleasing the world

Praise is a sacrifice. Sacrifice requires death to self (old nature).

At my lowest point, God is my HOPE.

At my darkest point, God is my LIGHT.

At my weakest point, God is my STRENGTH.

At my saddest point, God is my COMFORT.