PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:22 – “And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.”

Hebrews 13:15 – “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.”

Jonah 2:9 – “But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.”

Thanksgiving is to express thanks and gratitude to God for the things He has DONE and provided for you.

Praise is more than words, it could be done in the form of singing. Praise is the act of complimenting God for who He truly is, and for His virtues. You praise God by acknowledging His perfection, works, benefits and excellence. Praise Him for WHO He is.

Again, I repeat, thanksgiving is to “give thanks” for what God has DONE. Thanking Him for how he has blessed you in your life, etc.
In essence, praise is to admire His virtues and wonderful characteristics and attributes. It’s to praise Him for WHO He is.

EXAMPLE: ACTS 16:25 – “And at midnight, Paul & Silas prayed & sang praises unto God; & the prisoners heard them.”
(Read: Psalm 35:28 / Psalm 52:15)

EXAMPLE: LUKE 2:20 – “And the shepherds returned glorifying & praising God for all the things that they had heard seen, as it was told unto them.”

EXAMPLE: LUKE 19:37 - “And when He was come nigh even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice & praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen.”

Colossians 3:15 - ...”be ye thankful.”

I Chronicles 16:8 – “Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people.”

EXAMPLE: II CHRONICLES 5: 13 & 14 (The story of bringing the ark of the covenant)
EXAMPLE:  II CHRONICLES 20: 12 – 22  (The story of Jehoshaphat facing the enemies in battle. God causes Jehoshaphat to win through praising the Lord during the battle.)

NOTE!!!  DON’T YOU THINK WE CAN WIN OUR BATTLES BETTER IF WE DECIDE TO PRAISE HIM THROUGH OUR STRUGGLES?

Psalm 92:1 – “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High.”

Ephesians 5:20 – “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I Thessalonians 5:18 – “In EVERYTHING give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

EXAMPLE:  ACTS 16:25 & 26  - (Paul & Silas prayed & sang praises to God at midnight.)

Psalm 35:28 – “And my tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness & of Thy power all the day long.”
EXAMPLE: ACTS 2:47 – “Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

READ: REVELATION 11:17.

CLOSING REMARKS: Psalm 100:4 – “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name.”

Let’s “enter” into His throne room daily with praise and thanksgiving. HE IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED!

Psalm 113:3 – “From the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, the Lord’s name is worthy to be praised.”

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