

===== PRAISE & WORSHIP =====

A. Why Praise God?

1. He is Worthy. (2 Samuel 22:4)
2. He Purifies Us. (Proverbs 27:21)
3. He reveals himself.
4. Enemy is put to flight. (Psalms 68:1)
5. This prepares our heart to hear God. (Hosea 10:11b)

B. God desires to dwell with his people.

1. God walked in the garden. (Genesis 3:8)
2. God was in the tabernacles of the Old Testament.
3. God is with his church today.

C. Presences of God:

1. Omni-presence - God is in all places (Psalms 139:7-10)
2. Inner presence - Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16)
3. Manifest presence - God inhabits our praise (Psalms 22:3)

D. Giving of a Sacrifice is Necessary.

1. Animal Sacrifice (Leviticus 22:19-25)
2. Living Sacrifice (Romans 12:1)
3. Fruit of our Lips (Hebrews 13:15)

E. We give praise and worship with :

1. Our mouth (sing, shout, speak)
2. Our hands (clap, lift, love, play music)
3. Our bodies (stand, bow, kneel, dance)

F. Practical Helps:

1. Don't sing just to sing.
2. Teach and show the children how.
3. Prepare the environment.
4. Worship could lead into ministry and prayer.
5. Sing songs worth singing toward your purpose.
6. First faster sacrifice, then slower worship.
7. Leaders worship, helpers supervise.
8. Keep words simple.
9. Keep music flowing.
10. Keep with your theme.
11. Goal is to worship (John 4:23).
12. Be in open areas. You're hindering them, if they don't have room to have the liberty, for example, to dance.
13. Use musical instruments, and remember they are only used in praise.
14. Could sit on floor in worship.
15. Encourage them to close their eyes and have their mind on the Lord.