

Weapons Of Warfare

The Series Part 3

Biblical Ways To Praise & Worship God

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Don't let SATAN steal your joy or your weapons! The devil knows the power of praise and worship in all the various forms. He wants the Body of Christ to discard the tools given to us by God to defeat him and all spiritual wickedness. We must become well versed in the Biblical mandates on how to engage effectively in Praise & Worship. Arm yourself today with this information. We will also focus on dancing for God in this study. While many Christians find it abhorrent or off color for Christians to dance, they normally do so through the lens of "worldly" dancing- which is an error! Lastly, we will cover how obedience to God is the top key most powerful Praise and Worship!

A Key Ingredient To The Growth Of The Church

Acts 2:46-47 "Day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, (47) praising God, and having favor with all the people. The Lord added to the assembly day by day those who were being saved."

Satan Can't Shut Up!

Revelation 12:10-11 "I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, the power, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ has come; for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. (11) They overcame him because of the Lamb's blood, and because of the word of their testimony. They didn't love their life, even to death."

Shut Him Up As God Intended

Psalms 8:1-2 "Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth, who has set your glory above the heavens! (2) From the lips of babes and infants you have established strength, because of your adversaries, that you might silence the enemy and the avenger."

Matthew 21:15-16 "But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children who were crying in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the son of David!" they were indignant, (16) and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes. Did you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing babies you have perfected praise?'"

Shut Him Up With These Key Concepts

He Inhabits Our Praise!

Psalms 22:3 MKJV “But You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.”

Psalms 22:3 KJV “But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

Strong’s 3427 (inhabitest) יָשַׁב - yâshab - yaw-shab’

A primitive root; properly to *sit* down (specifically as judge, in ambush, in quiet); by implication to *dwell*, to *remain*; causatively to *settle*, to *marry*: - (make to) abide (-ing), continue, (cause to, make to) dwell (-ing), ease self, endure, establish, X fail, habitation, haunt, (make to) inhabit (-ant), make to keep [house], lurking, X marry (-ing), (bring again to) place, remain, return, seat, set (-tle), (down-) sit (-down, still, -ting down, -ting [place] -uate), take, tarry.

Praise Is Pleasant & Beautiful To Him!

Psalms 147:1 “Praise Yah, for it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and fitting to praise him.”

Praise God Now As You Live!

Psalms 146:2 “While I live, I will praise Yahweh. I will sing praises to my God as long as I exist.”

Psalms 118:17 “I will not die, but live, and declare Yah’s works.”

Psalms 115:17-18 “The dead don’t praise Yah, neither any who go down into silence; (18) But we will bless Yah, from this time forward and forever more. Praise Yah!”

Unlock The Mighty Weapon Of Praise

Psalms 149:4-9 “For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation. (5) Let the saints rejoice in honor. Let them sing for joy on their beds. (6) May the high praises of God be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hand; (7) To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; (8) To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; (9) to execute on them the written judgment. All his saints have this honor. Praise Yah!”

The Following Are Just Some Of The Biblical Ways To Praise & Worship God. They Are Acceptable And Correct Before The Lord.

John 8:31-32 “Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. (32) You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Please see: “Weapons Of Warfare- Part 2” for the mighty weapon of praise that is the Shofar.

+Being Still

Psalms 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.”

+Pondering

Psalms 104:34 “Let my meditation be sweet to him. I will rejoice in Yahweh.”

Psalms 111:2 “Yahweh’s works are great, pondered by all those who delight in them.”

+Bowling & Kneeling

Psalms 95:6-7 “Oh come, let’s worship and bow down. Let’s kneel before Yahweh, our Maker, (7) for he is our God. We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep in his care. Today, oh that you would hear his voice!”

+Lifting Up Your Soul

Psalms 143:8 “Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning, for I trust in you. Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you.”

+Lifting Up Your Heart

Psalms 111:1 “Praise Yah! I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart, in the council of the upright, and in the congregation.”

+Lifting Up Your Eyes

Psalms 123:1-2 “A Song of Ascents. To you I do lift up my eyes, you who sit in the heavens. (2) Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes look to Yahweh, our God, until he has mercy on us.”

+Praising God With Your Speech

Psalms 63:3 “Because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.”

Psalms 51:15 “Lord, open my lips. My mouth shall declare your praise.”

+Singing Praises

Psalms 47:6 “Sing praises to God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.”

Psalms 104:33 “I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live. I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.”

+With Musical Instruments

Psalms 150:1-6 “Praise Yah! Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise him in his heavens for his acts of power! (2) Praise him for his mighty acts! Praise him according to his excellent greatness! (3) Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet! Praise him with harp and lyre! (4) Praise him with tambourine and dancing! Praise him with stringed instruments and flute! (5) Praise him with loud cymbals! Praise him with resounding cymbals! (6) Let everything that has breath praise Yah! Praise Yah!”

+Lifting Up Your Hands

Psalms 134:2 “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary. Praise Yahweh!”

Psalms 63:4 “So I will bless you while I live. I will lift up my hands in your name.”

+Shouting And Clapping

Psalms 47:1-2 “Oh clap your hands, all you nations. Shout to God with the voice of triumph! (2) For Yahweh Most High is awesome. He is a great King over all the earth.”

+With Jumping, & Leaping

Acts 3:6-8 “But Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have, that I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!” (7) He took him by the right hand, and raised him up. Immediately his feet and his ankle bones received strength. (8) Leaping up, he stood, and began to walk. He entered with them into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising God.”

A Time To Dance

With heavenly dancing, we can use our entire body and being to Praise and Worship God. Some people teaching the doctrines and commandments of men (Matthew 15:9) tend to throw the baby out with the bath water. Their legitimate concerns about inappropriate dancing (Club dancing, Bumping and Grinding, etc.) has caused a knee – jerk reaction, as this has prompted many teachers to falsely assert that ALL dancing is wrong. When people leave their own personal points of view out of it, and seek a “thus saith the Lord” view, then they find something totally different.

Biblical dancing is closer to square or circle dancing, when men would usually dance with men, and women with women, or you could dance by yourself. When mentioned in the Bible, “dancing” usually translates as circle dancing or skipping and jumping. For personal dancing, it would be like an ecstatic joyful seizure of the entire body. Imagine being told that you have been given a million dollars- you would jump for joy! So, it’s kind of like that. That’s not to dismiss more modern appropriate dancing like ballet, etc.

Some good basic common sense guidelines for public dancing are: 1) don’t do anything that would cause people to lust after you, 2) Leave enough room for the Holy Ghost, and 3) Don’t dance to bring attention to yourself, but to glorify God or the person being honored.

Always Rejoice, Yet Abstain From The Appearance Of Evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 “Rejoice always. (17) Pray without ceasing. (18) In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. (19) Don’t quench the Spirit. (20) Don’t despise prophecies. (21) Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. (22) Abstain from every form of evil.”

Be Mindful Of Those Who Have A Weaker Conscience Before The Lord.

1 Corinthians 8:9 “But be careful that by no means does this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to the weak.”

+Dancing For The Lord

Psalms 149:2-3 “Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.”

Psalms 150:3-6 With Loud Music And Dancing In His Sanctuary-The Church.

“Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.”

Ecclesiastes 3:4 “A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;”

2 Samuel 6:14-16 “And **David** danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.”

2 Samuel 6:21 “And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: **therefore will I play before the LORD.**”

Exodus 15:18-21 “The LORD shall reign forever and ever. For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. And **Miriam** the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.”

Psalms 30:10-12 “Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever.”

Jeremiah 31:12-14 “Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.”

❖ Dancing As An Appropriate Greeting.

Judges 11:34 “And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.”

➤ Dancing For Celebration.

1 Samuel 18:6 “And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music.”

Jeremiah 31:3-4 “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee. Again I will build thee, and thou will be built, O virgin of Israel: you will again be adorned with thy tabrets, and will go forth in the dances of them that make merry.”

YOU MUST OBEY TO UNLOCK THE POWER

Praise is a weapon only if it's backed by obedience. God does not desire your praise and worship while you're still in rebellion. I am not talking about perfection, just that you are not willfully continuing on in your sin. Thus meaning, that you have turned from them and are actively denying your flesh to please God, seeking His forgiveness.

This is an example of Praise without optional Obedience- there is a difference:

Romans 14:11-12 “For it is written, “‘As I live,’ says the Lord, ‘to me every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess to God.’” (12) So then each one of us will give account of himself to God.”

It Take More Than Just Belief To Please God, It Takes Obedient Action.

James 2:19-20 “You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and shudder. (20) But do you want to know, vain man, that faith apart from works is dead?”

As We See Here:

John 9:31 “We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God, and does his will, he listens to him.”

Psalms 5:4-5 “For you are not a God who has pleasure in wickedness. Evil can’t live with you. (5) The arrogant shall not stand in your sight. You hate all workers of iniquity.”

Mark 7:6-9 “He answered them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. (7) But they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ (8) “For you set aside the commandment of God, and hold tightly to the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things.” (9) He said to them, “Full well do you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.”

Who Does God Accept Praise And Worship From?

Psalms 24:3-5 “Who may ascend to Yahweh’s hill? Who may stand in his holy place? (4) He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall receive a blessing from Yahweh, righteousness from the God of his salvation.”

Psalms 1:1-2 “Blessed is the man who doesn’t walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand on the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers; (2) but his delight is in Yahweh’s law. On his law he meditates day and night.”

Repentant Obedience To God IS The Foundation To Praise and Worship.

Revelation 16:9 “People were scorched with great heat, and people blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues. They didn’t repent and give him glory.”

Fear God And Obey Is The Call Of The Day.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 “This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. (14) For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.”

Psalms 22:23 “You who fear Yahweh, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him! Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Israel!”

Nehemiah 1:11 “Lord, I beg you, let your ear be attentive now to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants, who delight to fear your name; and please prosper your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.” Now I was cup bearer to the king.”

Joshua 22:5 “Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, to keep his commandments, to hold fast to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Start today by incorporating the act of physical worship. They are 100% backed by the word of God. You can enjoy the very pleasurable activity of using your physical body to express a spiritual truth. That you love God with your mind, body, and spirit. Your daily obedience unlocks the spiritual component to Praise and Worship. When executed together, you will reach new levels of intimacy with your Creator God. Let us not delay and do both today: Obey with your Praise and Worship!