

# Thanks, Praise and Worship

## Thanks - expressing appreciation

**Give thanks** to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Ps 105:1  
In everything **give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Th 5:18

Firstly for what Jesus did on the cross, for all he's done for us since and what we have now. It's the appropriate attitude to approach God. A humble heart of thanks is what qualifies us to enter God's presence.

*"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."* - James 4:6

- wars against pride, unbelief, murmuring, criticism

## Praise - expressing admiration

Saying what God is like - declaring His nature and character.

**Praise** the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love towards us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Praise the LORD. Psalm 117

*The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. Psalm 145:8*

*The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. Psalm 145:17*

Speaking out the character of God defeats the lies - it says God is good, all the time!!

Content - meaning - we need to think about what we're saying - using the Word of God.

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."* Col 3: 16

Feeling - emotion - it's OK to get excited - we need to be wholehearted - if football fans are, then we can be!!

*"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,"* - Eph 5:18-19

## Worship - expressing adoration

*Oh come, let us **worship** and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. Psalm 95:6*

*Exalt the LORD our God, And **worship** at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is holy. Ps 99:9*

*All nations whom You have made shall come and **worship** before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name. Ps 86:9*

*"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will **worship** the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. "God is Spirit, and those who **worship** Him must worship in spirit and truth."* - John 4:23-24

Giving allegiance to the king, expressing the wonder and awe of God's presence, experiencing God's love -

Worship is special - always a specific experience at distinct times. It follows as a response to God's presence, His word or His comfort and love. It seems to be more spontaneous than thanks or praise.

It involves communicating ...

- a. awe, respect, honor, wonder, worth, value, reverence, esteem
- b. allegiance, submission, lordship, loyalty, devotion, faithfulness
- c. intimacy, love, warmth, tenderness, closeness, passion, emotion, friendship