




# THE PRAISE- EMPOWERED CHURCH



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**high praises of God**  
**be in their mouth,**  
and a two-edged sword in their hand ...

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**How to be a High  
Praise Church**

**How to be a Praise-  
Empowered Church?**



1. **Decide** to bring our praises to God at all times.

**Psalm 34:1** (NIV) I will bless the Lord **at all times**; His praise shall **continually** be in my mouth.

**Psalm 138:1-2**

**1** **I will** praise You with my whole heart; before the gods **I will** sing praises to You. **2** **I will** worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.



2A. Praise brings us into the **courts** of God.

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Don't be offended at God for what He has not done or not yet done!

Thank Him for the last thing He did and praise Him for what is to come

Unbelief and Offence are Obstacles to the Miraculous!

Let us now bring our thanksgiving to the Lord.



2C. Praise is preceded by confidence to come into the Presence of God by the Blood of Jesus and through the Lord Jesus, our High Priest.

### Hebrews 10:19-22

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Let us now appropriate the Blood and call on the Lord**

### Summary Steps to Come Into The Presence of God:

1. Decide to bring our praises to God at all times.
2. Confidence to come into the Presence of God by the Blood of Jesus and through the Lord Jesus, our Great High Priest.
3. Thanksgiving - Spirit of Gratefulness.
4. Praise.
5. Worship.



**3A.** Praise enables us to declare and proclaim who God is.

**Hebrews 13:15** Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name / confessing His Name / exalting His Name.

**1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**Enlarge our Praise Vocabulary!**  
**Know God and His Ways!**

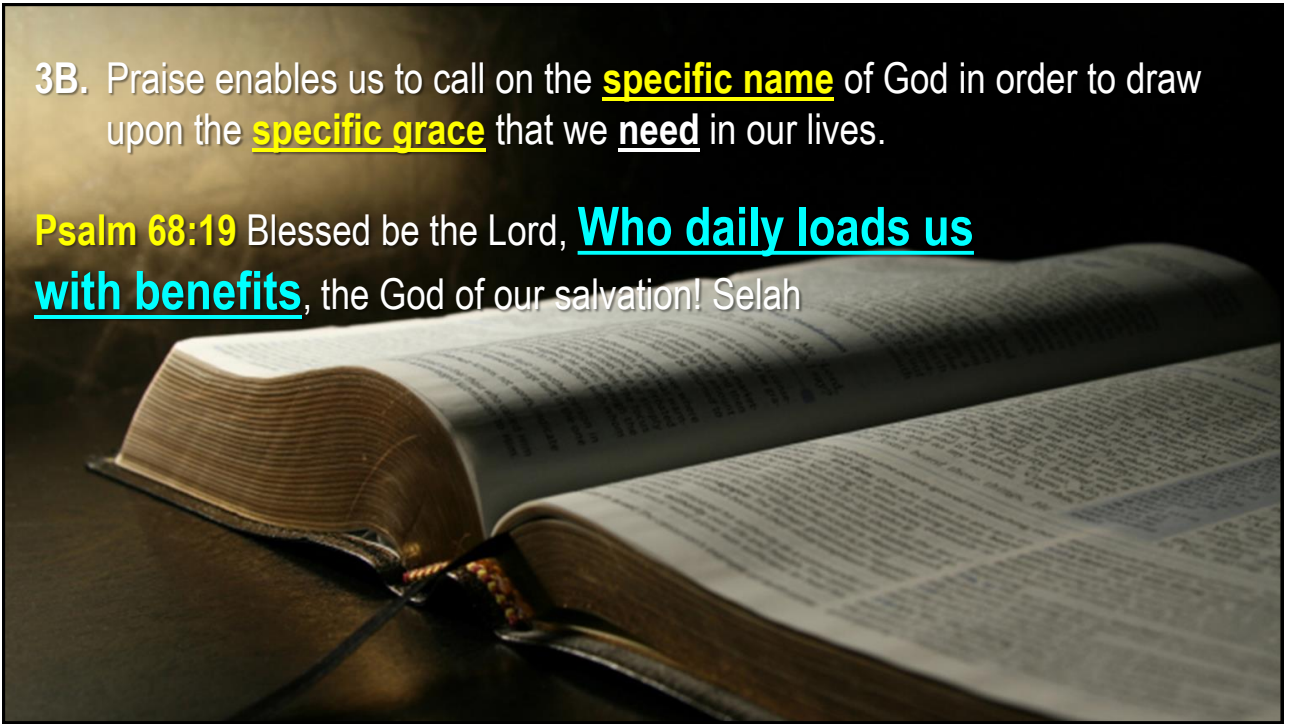
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**Psalm 23:** The **7 Redemptive Names of God**:

- i. He is my Jehovah-Rohi who loved me and gave His life for me.
- ii. He is my Jehovah-Shalom the LORD, My Peace.
- iii. He is my Jehovah-Tsidkenu the LORD, My Righteousness.
- iv. He is my Jehovah-Jireh the LORD will provide.
- v. He is my Jehovah-Rapha the LORD who heals.
- vi. He is my Jehovah-Shammah who is always there with me.
- vii. He is my Jehovah-Nissi the LORD, my Banner of Victory.

3B. Praise enables us to call on the specific name of God in order to draw upon the specific grace that we need in our lives.

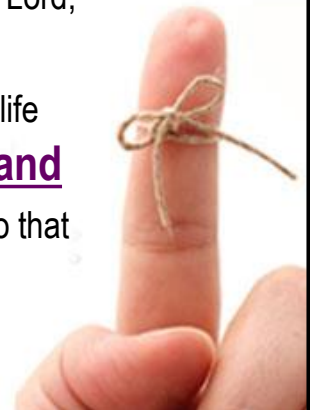
**Psalm 68:19** Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation! Selah



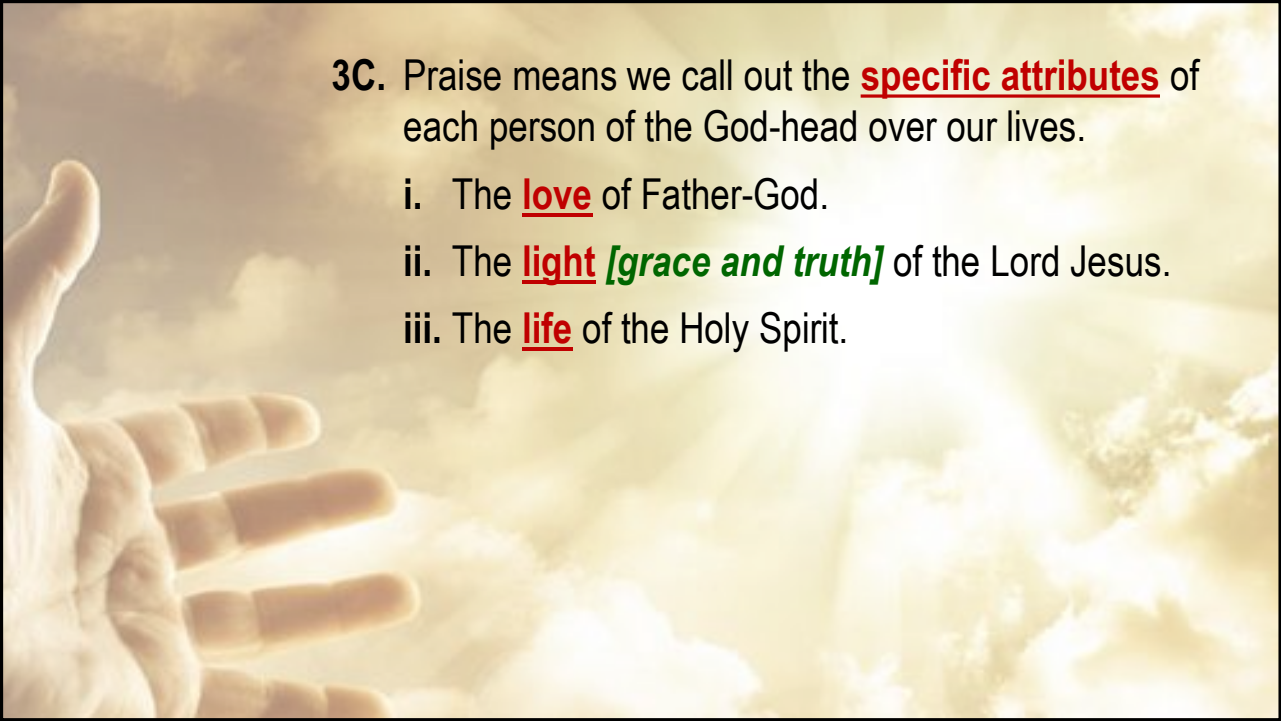
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**Psalm 103:1-5 (AMP)**

**1** Bless and affectionately praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is [deep] within me, bless His holy name. **2** Bless and affectionately praise the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget any of His benefits; **3** Who forgives all your sins, Who heals all your diseases; **4** Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you [lavishly] with lovingkindness and tender mercy; **5** Who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the [soaring] eagle.







3C. Praise means we call out the specific attributes of each person of the God-head over our lives.

- i. The love of Father-God.
- ii. The light [*grace and truth*] of the Lord Jesus.
- iii. The life of the Holy Spirit.



The  
Lord's  
Supper



## Give thanks and praise for the Bread - **the Body of Christ**

1. He died for our **salvation** - Romans 10:9-10
2. He died to pay the **penalty** for our sins - Romans 6:23; John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:21
3. He died to place us in His **Body** - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
4. He died for our names to be in the **Book of Life** - John 3:3; 3:16; Luke 10:20; Revelation 20:15
5. He died to give us the **life-giving Spirit** - 1 Corinthians 15:45
6. He died for our **bodily healing** - Matthew 8:16-17
7. As led ...



## Give thanks and praise for the Cup - **the Blood of Christ**

1. His Blood **cleanses** our sins - Hebrews 9:22
2. His Blood **covers** our sins - 1 John 2:2
3. His Blood **redeems** us and we receive **forgiveness** of our sins - Colossians 1:14; Ephesians 1:7
4. His Blood is the seal of the **New Covenant** - 1 Corinthians 11:25
5. His Blood gives us **life** - Hebrews 9:14-15
6. We **overcome** the evil one by His Blood - Revelation 12:11
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# The Lord's Supper



*Let's partake  
the Lord's Supper now*

# Tithes & Offerings



# Announcements

## 4. High Praise:

- An **intense** level of praise.
- Songs sung in the heavenlies by angels, creatures and saints around the **Throne of God**.

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4. When we face rejection, are heavily burdened and feel we are at the bottom of our lives, begin to praise the Lord.

**Genesis 29:35** And she [**Leah**] conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.



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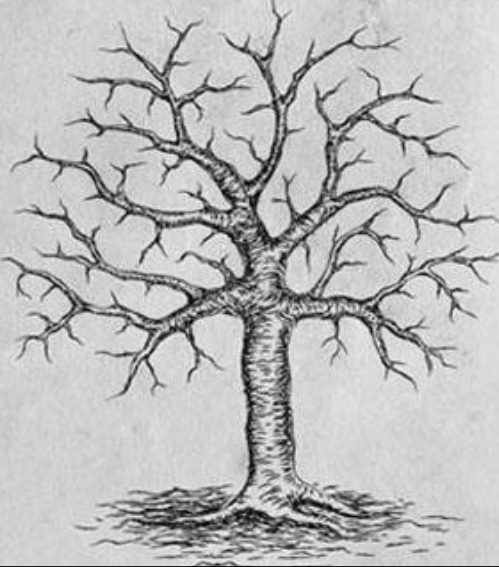
**Acts 16:25-26**

**25** But about midnight when Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

**26** suddenly there was a great earthquake, so [**powerful**] that the very foundations of the prison were shaken and at once all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.



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**Habakkuk 3:17-19**

**17** Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labour of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls—**18** Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. **19** The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills.

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**1 Samuel 2:1** And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. I smile at my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation.

**Luke 1:47-48**

**47** And my [Mary] spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

**48** For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

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As we bring our burdens and yokes to God, **Sing Spiritual Songs** to the Lord

“I sing the doxology and dismiss the devil”

*Mary Schlosser - Missionary in China*

“God has appointed the use of spiritual songs as an effective weapon against the enemy”

*John Piper*

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**Ephesians 5:19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord ...

**Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



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**5A.** High Praises open doors for God to **battle** for us.

**Isaiah 30:32 (NKJV)** And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the Lord lays on him, it will be with **tambourines and harps**; and **in battles of brandishing He will fight with it**.

**Isaiah 30:32 (AMP)** And every blow of the rod of punishment, which the Lord will lay on them, **tambourines and lyres**; and in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight Assyria.



5B. High Praises enables us to overcome our enemies and the enemies of God.

### 2 Chronicles 20:21-22

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

“Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever.” 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.



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**Matthew 5:44** But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you ...



5C. High Praises on the lips of our children will give us strength and will **silence our enemies**.

**Psalm 8:2** (NIV) Through the **praise of children and infants** you have established a **stronghold against your enemies**, to **silence the foe and the avenger**.

**Pray for our children and strengthen our family altar.**



**Testimony!**



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**Judges 2:7, 10**

**7** So the **people served the Lord** all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had **seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel**.

**10** When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, **another generation** arose after them who **did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel**.





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**Psalm 145:4-11**

**4** **One generation shall praise Your works to another**, and shall declare Your mighty **acts**. **5** I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous **works**. **6** Men shall speak of the might of Your **awesome acts**, and I will declare Your greatness. **7** They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness. **8** The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. **9** The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His **works**. **10** All Your **works** shall praise You, O Lord, and Your saints shall bless You. **11** They shall speak of the glory of **Your kingdom**, and talk of **Your power**



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**Psalm 78:5** For He established a **testimony** in Jacob, and appointed a **law** in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should **make them known to their children**; **6** that the **generation to come** might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, **7** that they may **set their hope in God**, and **not forget the works of God**, but **keep His commandments**; **8** and may not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God. **9** The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. **10** They did not keep the covenant of God; they refused to walk in His law, **11** and forgot His works and His wonders that He had shown them.

**Let us bring our high praises to the Lord!**

## Bottom Line

### How to be a Praise-Empowered Believer?

**Jeremiah 2:2 (NIV)** Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord, "I remember [earnestly] the lovingkindness and devotion of your youth, your time of betrothal [like that of a bride during the early years in Egypt and again at Sinai], when you followed Me in the wilderness, through a land not sown.

**God remembers no more our sins  
that are under the Blood!**

**But, He remembers our devotion to Him!**

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### How to be a Praise-Empowered Believer?

**2 Corinthians 11:3 (NIV)** But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from

**your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.**

**Struggling-Surviving to Vibrant-Victorious Cn!**

**Romans 12:11**

**Revelation 3:15-16**