

## The Importance of Praise

Far too often our work for Christ is barren of all joy and enthusiasm.  
We need the joy that is the result of Praise!

### **Psalm 113:1-4**

Praise:

1. To express approval or admiration.
2. To Prize.
3. To offer grateful homage.

### I. PRAISE ACTIVATES FAITH.

#### **Psalm 56:4**

- A. Praising the Lord may require a step of Faith.  
You may not feel like it, but doing so generates and activates faith.
- B. Praising God overrides doubts and says,  
*"I believe God, anyhow"*!
- C. Praising God breaks down Satan's defenses.  
*"The devil cannot sing"*! -*Martin Luther*  
David's harp drove the evil spirit out of King Saul.

### II. PRAISE STIMULATES HOPE.

#### **Psalm 42:5-8**

- A. Praising the Lord results in hope in God.  
HOPE FOLLOWS PRAISE!!!!
- B. Praising God is a positive step; an upward look; a declaration of faith.  
These actions bring hope into focus.
- C. Jesus Christ is the hope of the world.  
Not money, power, or anything else.

### III. PRAISE INCREASES LOVE.

- A. It is difficult to praise the Lord and hold a grudge at the same time.  
Hostility and Resentment are not compatible with praise.
- B. Praising the Lord makes Him the object of our affection.  
That results in increasing our love toward Him and others.
- C. The angels of God and the redeemed of all ages shall praise God eternally.