

PRAISE GOD

(Psalm 148:1-13)

INTRODUCTION - (Psalm 146:1-2) "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being."

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRAISE GOD?

"Praise" - to laud the glory of God; to extol; to glorify; to magnify; to worship.

Throughout the OT, God's people gave praise to God - (Gen. 29:35) Leah praised God at the birth of her son Judah. (1 Chron. 16:4) David appointed some Levites to praise God.

(2 Chron. 31:2) Hezekiah did the same. (Isaiah 61:3) even during times of sadness and mourning we are given "the garment of praise."

Jesus' whole life was associated with praise - (Luke 2:12-14) at His birth, the heavenly host praised God. (Luke 2:20) the shepherds did the same. (Matt. 21:15-16) the children said, "Hosanna ... " (Luke 18:41) the blind man and the people "gave praise to God." (Luke 24:47) the centurion at the cross "glorified God." (Luke 24:51-52) at His ascension, "praising and blessing God."

The day the church began - (Acts 2:47) "praising God."

Since that day, we are to do the same - (Eph. 3:21) "to Him be glory in the church"

2. WHO SHOULD PRAISE GOD?

(Psalm 148:12-13) "Both young men and maidens; old men and children" (note Hymn #3)

(Psalm 150:6) "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord"

(Romans 15:9, v11) "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles. Laud Him, all you peoples."

3. WHEN SHOULD GOD BE PRAISED?

(Psalm 113:3) "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same"

(Psalm 145:2-3) "Every day" (1 Chron. 23:30) "every morning ... likewise at even"

(Psalm 119:164) "Seven times a day" (Psalm 71:14) "yet more and more"

(Acts 16:25) "at midnight" (Heb. 2:12) "in the midst of the assembly" (Heb. 13:15) "continually"

4. HOW SHOULD GOD BE PRAISED?

(Psalm 138:1) "I will praise you with my whole heart" (2 Chron. 20:19) "with a loud voice"

(Ezra 3:11) "with a great shout" (Psalm 81:1) "Sing aloud ... make a joyful noise unto God"

5. WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE GOD?

It is our job - (Psalm 9:11) "Sing praises to the Lord ... **declare His deeds** among the people"

(Psalm 67:3) "Let the people praise You, O God" (Isaiah 43:21) "They shall **declare My praise**"

(1 Peter 2:9) "You are ... that you may **proclaim the praises of Him** who called you ... "

It is our joy - (Psalm 122:1) "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"