



## Why Should You Learn To Adore God?

In **Psalm 34:1**, the psalmist declares His commitment to praise God, "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." He states that his lifestyle will be characterized by praise to God. The Christian's lips and life are to be characterized by the same commitment. Every believer should express to God that He is great and glorious-that He is worthy of all our love, service, and obedience. The Word of God reveals that you should strive to adore God. It is your privilege and responsibility to grow in your ability to adore God:

"You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob glorify Him, and fear Him all you offspring of Jacob" (**Psalm 22:23**).

"I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing praises to You" (**Psalm 138:1**).

"My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever" (**Psalm 145:21**).

"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" (**Hebrews 13:15**).

It is not enough to sing hymns during a worship service. Praise should be the daily pursuit of the child of God. Every child of God should desire to praise God. Yet, you must move beyond the desire to praise Him to a deeper understanding of adoration and how you can adore God in fresh and powerful ways. The believer must learn how to adore God.

The Bible provides several motivations for learning how to adore God. The most obvious reason is because God is worthy to be adored. Because of who He is, He should receive our heartfelt adoration. Yet, praise will make an enormous difference in your relationship to God.

- Praise sets the tone for your praying (**Psalm 100:4**). When you adore God, you are realizing whose presence you are entering. Your focus will be on Him. Too many times we rush into God's presence without recognizing with whom we are speaking. Praise slows you down and reminds you of God's character.
- Praise builds your faith (**Matthew 21:22; James 5:15**). When you adore God, your focus is on Him. As you focus on Him, your faith is going to increase. We often lack faith because our focus is on our circumstances and on the God of the circumstances. Adoring God is a faith-strengthening exercise.
- Praise increases your intimacy with God (**Psalm 4:3**). In order to praise Him, you must be growing in your understanding of Him. As you understand more about His character and adore Him for this, it will move you to a place of deeper intimacy. It will draw you closer to His heart.
- Praise releases the power of God (**Psalm 22:3**). The Word of God declares that God inhabits or is enthroned in the praises of His people. This means that God is powerfully present when His people praise Him. He is going to show His power to those who will praise Him. He will manifest that power when He is praised. When the praise goes up, the power is going to come down!
- Praise is the responsibility and privilege of every believer (**Hebrews 13:15**). Because of Jesus, you can now enter the very presence of God. The only right response to entering God's presence is to adore Him for His character and His ways.
- Praise creates humility in you (**1 Peter 5:5-6**). When you focus on God through praise, you begin to see how great and mighty God is. It also affects how you view yourself. You begin to see how dependent you are on God. You come to realize that you need Him for everything for every moment of your life. Adoring God is a powerful antidote against self-righteousness.



- Praise makes you willing to confess your sins (**1 John 1:9**). When you adore God, you focus on how holy and perfect God is. This in turn causes you to see your sin in a new light. It makes sin unacceptable to you. You will not long to cherish sin when you are daily adoring God.
- Praise makes you willing to listen to God (**1 John 5:14**). Many times we approach God in prayer with our own agenda. We pray asking God to adopt our agenda. Adoration will fix your faith on His wisdom, goodness, and power. This will enable you to accept His will in all types of requests and circumstances. It will enable you to pray in the will of God. The more you adore God, the more submissive you will be to His will.

The desire to praise God is wonderful and admirable. Yet, you must move from the desire to praise God to the discipline of praising God daily. God is worthy. He should be adored. And, adoring Him will transform your walk before Him.

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