

**DELIGHTING GOD'S HEART  
THE PRACTICALITY OF PRAISE  
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God loves to have His heart tickled! We tickle it through praise (Isaiah 43:18-21; Psalm 103:1-18). I know of few greater thoughts than this: "Our praises bless the Lord's heart" (John 4:23-24).

What is Praise (Deuteronomy 10:14-22; Psalm 103:1-18)?

Praise is recalling God's mighty acts of power (what He has done through history and in our lives).

Praise is reciting the marvelous aspects of God's character (how His personality and character traits enhance our lives).

Praise is thanking Him both for His actions and for His great character.

Praise is one of the tools that moves us along in our spiritual journeys.

*Praise Opens The Door For Our Entry Into The Throne Room Of The Lord (Psalm 100:4).*

Several Things Happen In The Throne Room.

1. In the Lord's presence we see that nothing is out of control!
2. The throne room is where we are invited to know the Lord well (Psalm 22:3).
3. Things look quite differently from the Lord's heavenly perspective than from our earthly perspective (Isaiah 6:1-5; Ecclesiastes 5:1-3).

*Praise Often Precedes Miraculous Deliverance (Psalm 50:23; 2 Chronicles 20:15, 18-24; Jonah 2:9; Acts 16:25-28).*

*Praise Pulls The Rug Out From Under Satan (Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:16; James 4:7).*

*Praise Allows Us To Exchange Our Clothes Of Despair For Garments Of Joy (Isaiah 61:1-3).*

*Praise Allows Things To Happen That Often Would Not Have Happened (Psalm 67:5-7; 47:6)!*

*Gripe-Praise*