[Psalm 102:18]
Let this be written for future generations,
so that a people not yet born will praise the LORD.

[Psalm 145:3-4]
Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
His greatness no one can fathom.
One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty and remarkable acts.

Dead religion tries to silence people.

We don’t give God praise based on our preferences,
personality type, or current mood.
We give God praise based on who He is and in the ways
that he has designed and instructed in His Word.

[2 Chronicles 20:21, NKJV]
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.”

“Praise” = yadah
**Yadah** = from the word *yad* = “hand”
= to stretch out the hand, confess; to worship with raised or extended hands

[Psalm 118:21, NKJV]
“I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.”

**Towdah** = extension of the hand in praise, usually in giving thanks
= to make a **sacrifice of praise** as an **act of faith**

**Towdah** = praising and thanking God for the things He’s DONE and **thanking Him in advance** for the things He’s going to do!

[Psalm 100:4, NKJV]
“Enter into His gates with **thanksgiving** (towdah),
And into His courts with praise.
Be **thankful** (yahdah) to Him, and bless His name.”

[Psalm 117:1]
Praise the **LORD**, all you nations.
**Praise** him, all you people of the earth.

Praise = **Shabach** / To shout, to be loud, to triumph and rejoice in a loud tone

*Shouting is an act of our will before it’s ever an emotion.*

[Psalm 47:1]
*O clap your hands, all you people;*
**Shout** to **God** with the voice of triumph and songs of joy.

[Psalm 71:23]
*I will shout for joy and sing your praises,*
for you have ransomed me.
Psalm 132:9
Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness
And let Your godly ones shout for joy.

2 Chronicles 13:8,10-11,13-15
“Do you really think you can stand against the kingdom of the LORD that is led by the descendants of David? You may have a vast army, and you have those gold calves that Jeroboam made as your gods...
“But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not abandoned him. God is with us. He is our leader. His priests blow their trumpets and lead us into battle against you.
Meanwhile, Jeroboam had secretly sent part of his army around behind the men of Judah to ambush them. When Judah realized that they were being attacked from the front and the rear, they cried out to the LORD for help. Then the priests blew the trumpets, and the men of Judah (Praise) began to shout. At the sound of their battle cry, God routed Jeroboam and his armies before Abijah and the army of Judah.

“As they shouted...God routed”

Psalm 8:2, TPT
Strength rises up with the chorus of singing children.
This kind of praise has the power to shut Satan’s mouth.
Childlike worship will silence the madness of those who oppose you.

Psalm 7:17, NKJV
“I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness,
And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.”

“Praise” = Zamar

Zamar = to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, i.e. to play upon it, to make music, accompanied by the voice; hence, to celebrate in song and music.

Psalm 63:4, NIV
I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

[Psalm 66:8, TPT]  
Praise God, all you peoples.  
Praise him everywhere and let everyone know you love him!

Praise = Barak / to kneel, to bow down, to salute, to bless God as an act of adoration and honor

[Psalm 22:3, NKJV]  
“But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.”

“Praises” = Tehillah  
Tehillah = to sing enthusiastically, to make songs of praise

[2 Chronicles 20:21-22, NKJV]  
“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 (tehillah), the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.”

[Psalm 113:1-3]  
Praise (Halal) the LORD.  
Praise the LORD, you his servants;  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Let the name of the LORD be praised,  
both now and forevermore.  
From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.
[2 Samuel 6:5,14-16,20-23]

David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals... And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a lined ephod. So, David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams’ horns. But as the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him (she despised him in her heart)... When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!” David retorted to Michal, “I was dancing before the LORD, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the LORD, so I celebrate before the LORD. Yes, and I am willing to become even more undignified than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! So, Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her entire life.

For Monday—

- In your personal time, stretch yourself into one of the seven psalmic forms of worship that you do not naturally do.
- Get into The Secret Place and lift your voice, praising God for who He is and what He’s done in your life (tehilla).

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What are some ways that music affects you?
2. Where do some songs or types of music bring you to in your memory?
3. Pastor Dave taught on what the lifting of our hands symbolizes, discuss the meaning of surrender. Why is it (surrender) such a big component of worship?


5. What are some barriers you have personally experienced that have taken away from giving God praise? How has this message inspired you to praise Him regardless of moods or personality types?

6. What happens when believers come together for corporate worship?

7. What does the posture of bowing represent? What does it look like to get low before the Lord daily?

8. How is God enthroned on the praises of His people? (tehilla) What is dethroned when He is enthroned?

9. What are you declaring over your family, city, or church?