

Day Twenty

"The people whom I formed for Myself, Will declare My praise. -Isaiah 43:21

Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. -Hebrews 13:15

Praising God in Prayer

While it may not be what comes to mind, that of praising God in prayer, nonetheless, it is a vital part of prayer. We offer thanksgiving for what God has done *for* us, but we give praise to God because of *what* He is. We can give praise to God in many ways. By declaring it vocally to others, by singing and by prayer to name a few. We touched on praise in **Day five** when we looked at the names of God and their significance. Now we shall look at a some ways of praising God further in our daily prayers.

This may seem odd or awkward at first, but as time goes on you may find it overwhelming as you begin to recognize the myriad of ways that God is worthy of Praise. Consider what David said about the outpouring of praise to God. *I will call on Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. -Psalms 18:3* And again: *There will be silence before Thee, and praise in Zion, O God; And to Thee the vow will be performed. O Thou who dost hear prayer, To Thee all men come. -Psalms 65:1-2*

I Will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1

My mouth is filled with Thy praise, And with Thy glory all day long. -Psalms 71:8

But as for me, I will hope continually, And will praise Thee yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Thy righteousness, And of Thy salvation all day long; For I do not know the sum of them. I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Thy righteousness, Thine alone. -Psalms 71:14-16

And my tongue shall declare Thy righteousness And Thy praise all day long. -Psalms 35:28

In our praise to God we magnify His Name. That is we will raise His Name up in our praise. *I will praise the name of God with song, And shall magnify Him with thanksgiving. -Psalms 69:30*

Thou art my God, and I give thanks to Thee; Thou art my God, I extol Thee. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting. -Psalms 118:28-29

It would be difficult to pigeon hole this type of prayer to separate it from other types. For in praising, magnifying, exalting, lifting up, etc.. we will by our very nature give thanks to God. The object of this devotional is not to confine our prayer, but to expand it. In your prayers, give thanks and praise God. We greatly add to our prayers when we do more than just make requests.

Prayerful Thoughts: Our Father, we praise Thee for all Thy goodness and compassion. We bow before the great I AM.