

PRAISE AND WORSHIP TO THE LORD!

In praise and worship we, as believers, are simply responding to the love God has shown us and the grace He has given us in Christ. As we send praises to God, He turns them into blessings to rain back on us.

(Pr. 11:25; Ps 67:5&6; Ps. 147:7&8; Zech. 10:1.)

Making a Joyful Noise/Shouting - The Bible teaches us to shout and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. "Shout unto God with a voice of triumph." (Ps. 47:1) "Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation." (Ps. 95:1) Other scriptures include Ps. 35:27 and Ps. 66:1-2.

Clapping Your Hands - The Lord commands us to clap our hands. "O clap your hands, all ye people..." (Ps. 47:1) Other scriptures include Ps. 98:8; Is. 55:12; 2 Kings 11:12.

Dancing - Many scriptures teach us to praise God by dancing. "Let them praise His Name in the dance." (Ps. 149:3). "Praise Him with the timbre and dance." (Ps. 150:4) Dancing is also referred to in the following scriptures: Luke 6:23; Zeph. 3:17; Mt. 11:17.

Uplifted Hands - We can bless the Lord by lifting our hands. "Lift up the hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord." (Ps. 134:2) "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands." (1 Tim. 2:8 and Ps. 63:4)

Speaking and Singing in Tongues - The Bible teaches that speaking and singing in tongues is a form of praise unto God. "For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." (Acts 10:46) "I will sing with the spirit and I will sing also with the understanding." (1 Cor. 14:15). The Word of God outlines two different types of tongues:

1. The gift of "diverse kinds of tongues" is given during a worship service and is heard above the rest of the congregation. It should be followed by the gift of "interpretation of tongues". (1 Cor. 14:27) These two gifts together are equal to the gift of prophecy. Prophecy may be expressed by speaking or singing.
2. In our own prayer and worship life, tongues spoken to God edifies or builds up the believer, as well as gives thanks unto God. (1 Cor. 14:2, 17)