

Pleased to Praise

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (Psalm 67:3,5)

Why does God demand we must praise God? C.S. Lewis said:

“Just as men spontaneously praise whatever they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: “Isn’t she lovely? Wasn’t it glorious? Don’t you think that magnificent?”

The Psalmists in telling everyone to praise God are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about. My whole, more general, difficulty about the praise of God depended on my absurdly denying to us, as regards the supremely Valuable, what we delight to do, what indeed we can’t help doing, about everything else we value.

I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not

merely expresses but completes

the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed.”

There is the solution! We praise what we enjoy because the delight is incomplete until it is expressed in praise. If we were not allowed to speak of what we value and celebrate what we love and praise what we admire, our joy could not be full.

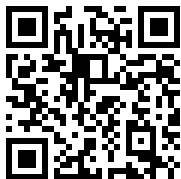
So if God loves us enough to make our joy full, he must not only give us himself; he must also win from us the praise of our hearts - not because he needs to shore up some weakness in himself or compensate for some deficiency, but because he loves us and seeks the fullness of our joy that can be found only in knowing and praising him, the most magnificent of all beings.

-John Piper

Events

9/20 Ladies' Bible Study
10:00 AM
9/24 Men's Prayer for
Revival 7:30 AM
9/25 Youth Groups
7:00 PM
9/26 RC Blood Drive

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Upcoming Events



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Service Times



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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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through the gospel of Jesus Christ**

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Alex DiPrima
My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light-
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

2. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take.
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

3. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

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10,000 Reasons

(Chorus)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forever more!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.

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Scripture Reading Matthew 4:12-25, page 809 Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Preparatory

**#190 Glory Be to Jesus
When all Thy Mercies**

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.
Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived from Whom those comforts flowed.

(Chorus)

**Through all eternity to Thee a joyful song I'll raise.
For oh, eternity's too short to utter all Thy praise!**

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou with health renewed my face.
And when in sins and sorrow sunk renewed my soul with grace.
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy. **(Chorus)**

3. Through every period of my life Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew. **(Chorus)**
To utter all Thy praise!

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Charles Fortner
**#547 My Jesus, I Love Thee
I Love You Lord**

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King in what You hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer

Colossians 3:11-4:1, page 984

Offertory Preparatory

**#535 How Good it is to Thank
Be Thou My Vision**

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Sermon

Pastor Stephen Byrd