

26 Ecclesial life - Praise and worship

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Psalms 96:1-13 ESV

Some helpful Bible passages

Look at these examples and make some notes about what we can learn from them.

Good examples

Genesis 24:52

Exodus 15

1 Chronicles 16:37-43

Nehemiah 8:1-9

Psalms 150

Acts 16:25

Matthew 2:1-12

Mark 14:1-9

Hebrews 13:15-16

... and not so good

Leviticus 10:1-3

Isaiah 29:13

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

Matthew 23:22-28

what do you think about this?

Psalms 137:3,4

So why do we worship?

Why do you think God wants us to worship him?



Music in worship

Take a look at these verses and see what lessons God is teaching us about our worship

2 Chronicles 29:30

Nehemiah 12:45-47

Matthew 26:30

1 Corinthians 14:15

Ephesians 5:18-20

Colossians 3:16

Revelation 5:9

One last question ...

Do you think praise and worship are the same thing, or is there a difference?

There is only one verse in the Bible where both words are used – Psalm 138:2 – and that's only in the KJV. See how it compares with the ESV, and talk about the differences.

King James Version

I will **worship** toward thy holy temple, and **praise** thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

English Standard Version

I **bow down** toward your holy temple and **give thanks** to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.