

# DEVOTED

*ACTS 2:42-47*



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**– Acts 2:46-47**

***“Praising God”*** – *to praise, extol,  
to sing praises in honor to God.*

*It is the same activity in which...*  
*the angelic multitude engaged at*  
*the birth of Jesus – Luke 2:13*

*It is the same activity in which...*  
*the shepherds engaged after*  
*seeing baby Jesus in the manger*  
– *Luke 2:20*

*It is the same activity in which...  
one of the ten lepers engaged  
when he returned to fall at the  
feet of Jesus – Luke 17:16*

*It is the same activity in which...  
the lame man engaged after Peter  
and John cured his disability*

*– Acts 3:8-9*

*It is the **involuntary** and **necessary**  
**reaction** to experiencing the  
goodness and majesty of God.*



**PRAISING GOD  
SHOULD BE  
PRIORITIZED.**

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*Their **praise of God** appears to be connected to both their **daily participation in worship** at the temple as well as their **daily fellowship** with one another in their homes.*

***Consistent involvement  
was an expectation!***

***“continually offer up a sacrifice of  
praise to God, that is, the fruit of  
lips that acknowledge his name”***

***– Hebrews 13:15***

*“**Every day** I will bless you  
and praise your name  
forever and ever”*

*– Psalm 145:2*

*“From the rising of the sun  
to its setting, the name of  
the Lord is to be praised”*

*– Psalm 113:3*

*We should not limit **praising God** to  
the few hours during a week.*

*We should make **praising God** a  
permanent fixture in the **everyday**  
fabric of our lives*

*“whatever you do, in word or deed, **do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

**– Colossians 3:17**



**PRAISING GOD IS  
NOT ABOUT ME!**

# Who **Benefits** From My Praise?

## God **Benefits** From My Praise.

*“speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart **to the Lord**, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

**— Ephesians 5:17-19**

# Who **Benefits** From My Praise?

Others **Benefit** From My Praise.

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing **one another** in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”*

**— Colossians 3:16**

# ***Praising God Is Not About Me!***

*“Now about midnight Paul and Silas were **praying and singing hymns of praise to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them...”*

***— Acts 16:25***

# ***Praising God Is Not About Me!***

*“and suddenly there was a **great earthquake**, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately **all the doors were opened**, and **everyone’s chains were unfastened...**”*

*— Acts 16:26*

# ***Praising God Is Not About Me!***

*“When the **jailer awoke** and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, “**Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!**”*

*— Acts 16:27-28*

# ***Praising God Is Not About Me!***

*“And the jailer asked for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas; and after he brought them out, he said, “**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**”*

*— Acts 16:29-30*

*Who benefited the **MOST** from **the praise** of Paul and Silas that night?*



***Is Your Praise of God***  
***Prioritized or Minimized?***

***Is Your Praise of God***  
***About Him or About You?***

