

Sunday Worship 11-21-21
Sermon: Offer Praise & Give Thanks

TEXT for Today:

Hebrews 13:15-16

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OFFERING PRAISE AND GIVING THANKS:

1. Praise comes from _____ of _____ God is.
 - a. Psalm 9:10-11 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. 11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.
 - b. Psalm 24:1-5 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. 2 For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. 3 Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies. 5 They will receive the Lord's blessing and have a right relationship with God their savior.
 - c. Psalm 24:8-10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OFFERING PRAISE AND GIVING THANKS:

2. Giving thanks is _____ for _____ that God has _____.
 - a. James 1:17 Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.
 - b. Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OFFERING PRAISE AND GIVING THANKS:

3. While there are some differences, there is _____.
 - a. Psalm 115:1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness.

b. Psalm 29:2 Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

HOW DO WE LIVE A LIFE OF OFFERING PRAISE AND GIVING THANKS?

1. It is _____.

a. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

HOW DO WE LIVE A LIFE OF OFFERING PRAISE AND GIVING THANKS?

2. We shift our _____ to God from _____.

a. Hebrews 12:1b-2a ...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

John Maxwell said: Everything worthwhile is uphill.
Meaning there is a climb.

HOW DO WE LIVE A LIFE OF OFFERING PRAISE AND GIVING THANKS?

Point 2 continued.

Two examples: Abraham's faith tested, and the man of infirmity at Bethesda in John 5.

b. Genesis 22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

c. Worship is both an _____ and an _____.

d. Faith in God does not make any _____ for _____. (We must decide which direction we are going to go... to trust the Lord _____ or be fixated on our circumstance).

HOW DO WE LIVE A LIFE OF OFFERING PRAISE AND GIVING THANKS?

Point 2 continued.

e. John 5:5-7 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man

to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

f. His _____ to change his circumstance became his _____.

g. The devil will try to keep you _____ in your _____.

HOW DO WE LIVE A LIFE OF OFFERING PRAISE AND GIVING THANKS?

Point 2 continued.

h. You can be on the fringe of _____ and something is _____ you back.

i. John 5:14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”

j. Don’t allow yourself to get _____ in your _____.

Conclusion:

Hebrews 13:15 _____

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

This will shift you from a place of frustration to a place of fulfillment!

Climb the mountain of praise and thankfulness and your view will change! You will see Jesus and your environment will change!

Reflection:

Abraham climbed the mountain and worshiped God! His life was forever changed!

The man at Bethesda climbed from the 5 porches at the pool to the temple mount and worshiped the Lord! His life was forever changed!

Both of these people climbed the same hill... Mount Moriah!

What will you do?