

Praise the LORD

An attempt at discovering what this command means and how we can obey it

Toward a definition of PRAISE

1. What have you greatly enjoyed this last month or so?
2. What did you do in response to this joy?
3. What do you suspect you were doing when you were spontaneously sharing this joy with another?
4. Based on your answers define PRAISE. Praise is recognizing and relishing beauty and urging others to join you in it.

Toward an understanding of the command PRAISE THE LORD

1. What will you do when you express love to someone this Christmas?
2. What does God do to express love to us?
3. According to the Psalms, God seeks our praise. How can this be a righteous and loving thing for God and a pleasing thing for us?

Toward obeying the command PRAISE THE LORD

1. List (or talk about) some ways we can “gaze upon the beauty of the LORD” (Ps.27:4).
2. What are some ways we express this joy; a joy derived from “gazing upon the beauty of the LORD” (keep in mind that in doing so, we actually are obeying the command “praise the LORD”).
3. How can this perspective actually protect us from worshipping God in vain (cf. Isa.29:13) and drifting into idolatry (cf. Col.3:5)?
4. How can this teaching assist us in 1) exaltation 2) edification 3) evangelism?

Found on the reverse side, read and reflect upon what some great leaders have said regarding our topic for today.