I. Three Related Concepts: Worship, Praise, Thanksgiving
   A. *Worship* is primarily an *attitude* of the body: praise and thanksgiving are *utterances* of the mouth
   B. We *praise* for who God is; we *thank* for what God does
   C. *Worship* relates to God’s *holiness*, praise to His *greatness*, thanksgiving to His *goodness*
      1. Isaiah 6:1–4—Vision of worship and praise in heaven. Note use of seraph’s wings:
         a. Four wings to cover themselves = worship
         b. Two wings to fly = service (service proceeds out of worship)
         c. Praise through seraphs’ mouths: “Holy, holy, holy . . .”
      2. Ps. 48:1—Praise is our appropriate response to God’s greatness

II. Eight Scriptural Facts About Praise
   A. Ps. 22:3—Praise is God’s address—His throne
   B. Ps. 100:4–5—Praise is the way into God’s presence
      Is. 60:18—All the gates to the city of Salvation are praise
   C. Ps. 106:47—Praise is the purpose for God’s blessing us; it brings us into His victory (compare 2 Cor. 2:14)
   D. Ps. 30:11–12—Our tongue is our glory because its primary function is to praise God (compare Ps. 16:9 & Acts 2:26)
   E. Isaiah 61:3—Praise is a beautiful garment of our spirit (compare Ps. 33:1)
   F. Ps. 50:23—Praise prepares the way for God’s supernatural intervention on our behalf
      1. 2 Chron. 20:21–22—When the people praised God, He intervened against their enemies
      2. Jonah 2:9–10—When Jonah began to praise, God spoke to the fish to release Jonah
      3. Acts 16:25–26—Praise prepared the way for God to send the earthquake
   G. Ps. 8:2; Matt. 21:16—Praise is a weapon of spiritual warfare to silence and bind Satan (compare Ps. 149:5–9)
   H. Jer. 33:11—Praise is a costly sacrifice (compare Heb. 13:15–16). We praise God not because we feel like it, but because He is worthy of it.

III. When, How and Who
   A. *When* to praise God?
      1. Ps. 145:2—Every day—forever and ever
      2. Ps. 34:1—At all times—continually
   B. *How* to praise God?
      1. Ps. 111:1—With the whole heart—uninhibited
      2. Ps. 47:7—With skill
      3. Ps. 63:4–5—With lifted hands—joyful mouth and lips
      4. Ps. 141:2—Lifting the hands—as an evening sacrifice
      5. Ps. 149:3—With the dance
      6. Ps. 150:4—With the timbrel and dance
C. *Who* to praise God?
   1. Ps. 148:2 ff—29 kinds of creatures who are to praise the Lord
   2. Ps. 1560:6—Everything that has breath

D. *Who* does *not* praise God?
   Ps. 115:17—The *dead*

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