

How do we praise the Lord and worship Him?

Sing or listen to music:

Many songs are written as praise songs and worship songs to the Lord. Listen to the words. Try to identify with what they are saying. Sing songs TO the Lord. Connect your heart with the Lord as you use the music to worship the Lord.

Read the scriptures:

Read the scriptures as God's love letter to you. As you read them, personalize them; read them as if God wrote it just for you. Thank Him and praise Him as you read His word.

Many of the Psalms are praise songs to the Lord. Praise the Lord through the Psalms. Read them as your own prayer to Him. Draw your heart out to Him and He will meet you.

Sometimes I just ask the Lord to lead me to what He wants me to read that day and open the scriptures or whatever inspirational book I am reading at the time. Whatever seems to catch my attention, I keep reading until I find something that speaks to me. Then I meditate on it, thank the Lord and ask Him what I need to learn from it. Worship Him, talk to Him as you read His word. He will lead you.

Pray:

Talk to the Lord. Praise Him for whatever is on your heart. Praise Him even when you don't feel like praising Him. Sometimes, praise is a choice, not a feeling. Speak to Him as you would your best friend. Try to spend time worshiping Him before bringing your needs before Him. It opens the door to communicating with Him when we spend time in praise and thanksgiving first. Just as in the example of prayer that Jesus gave us: "*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....*"

There are many ways to praise and worship the Lord:

Psalm 95:6-7

(6) O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Psalm 47:1 "Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy."

Psalm 63:3-4 "Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name."

Lam 3:41 "Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven."

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

(2) Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

(3) Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

(4) Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

(5) Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

(6) Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Psalm 32:11 "Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart."

Psalm 81:1 "Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob."

Judge 5:3 "Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.

Ps 34:1 "I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Ps 35:18 "I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.