

# **Made for Praise**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. There has been for too long an absence of genuine true praise in churches.
- B. Praise may appear to be something that is new because many have not experienced it. It is not new. It is a command of the word of God.
- C. Text: I Peter 2:9-10.

## II. God has made us a special people.

- A. It is important to know who we are from God's point of view.
- B. Believers have been chosen by Almighty God according to His foreknowledge. They are the objects of God's choice.
- C. God chose us by His grace.
- D. The believer is an unfinished masterpiece of God. (Ephesians 2)
- E. Believers are royal priesthood.

- 1. Royal speaks of domain and rule. We have a kingly heritage.
- 2. We have a responsibility to God as to praise Him as priests.

## F. Believers are a holy nation.

- 1. We are set apart.
- 2. The Holy Spirit indwells us, which makes us holy in the sight of God.
- 3. We are a people set apart by God for God.

## G. Believers are God's own possession. We have been bought at a price. (I Corinthians 6)

## III. God made us a special people for special purpose.

- A. The purposes for the praise of the living God.
- B. God saves us so that we might praise Him for His mighty works. (Isaiah 43:21)

C. God has saved us in order that He might point to the demonstrations of His grace. (Ephesians 2:4)

D. To praise the Lord God is to applaud Him or who He is and what He has done. It is to celebrate God. It is to love and adore Him.

E. Praise implies action not passiveness.

F. When we praise the Lord, there is a release of our spirit.

G. We are long on programs and short on praise. Our problem is that we live in a self-centered society concerned with getting a person's needs met.

IV. Praise Scriptures.

A. When one begins the praise, he gets God focused. (Psalm 100)

B. The praise is a joyful admonition. (Psalm 105:1-5)

C. We are to wake-up praising Him, praise Him all the daylong and go to bed praising. (Psalm 108, Psalm 117)

E. God thinks it is good to sing praises. Praise is pleasant and becoming. Praise fits who you are. Praise is the characteristic of our fellowship. (Psalm 147)

F. God deserve praise in everything. (Psalm 150)

G. We are to offer of praise continually. (Hebrews 13:15)

H. Expressions of praise. (Jude 24-25, Revelation 7:9)

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it important that believers have a clear understanding of their identity in order to praise God effectively?

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2. Which two elements of the believer's identity stand out to you? Why?

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3. How would you describe praise to a new believer based on the Scriptures read?

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