

FASTING AND PRAISE – 2
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INTRODUCTION:

The main purpose for every created thing or being is to praise God and give Him all the glory due His name. **JOHN 1:1-3** – Without Him, nothing would exist. **REVELATION 4:10-11** – All creation is to praise God because all creation was created for His pleasure. **ISAIAH 43:6-7** – Israel was created for His glory. **COLOSSIANS 1:18-22** – Every created thing or being has been reconciled to God by the Blood of Jesus. This truth is a powerful motivation to praise God. **LUKE 19:37-40** – As Jesus was about to reconcile all things to God, the people praised Him, but the Pharisees petitioned Him to silence them. Jesus said if humans won't, creation will cry out in praise to God. **HEBREWS 13:15** – In response to all Jesus did to reconcile us, we are to sacrifice praise to God continually. This involves the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name.

GIVING THANKS TO HIS NAME – PSALMS 113:1-9

1. His position on high speaks of His authority and power. He has no equal. Think of a judge in a courtroom. His bench is the highest seat in the room. Because of His position, he is shown the highest level of respect by all. The Lord is the judge over all the universe.
2. He is humble. He reaches down to those who are cast down to lift them up.
ISAIAH 57:15, PSALMS 34:1-4
3. His Name is to be praised continually because of His position and because of His attitude and character. His Name reveals who He is, His abilities and personality. Jehovah is the corporate redemptive name for God in the Old Testament meaning “self-existing God.”
 - A. Tsidkenu – Our righteousness who makes us upright.
 - B. Shalom – Our peace who brings peace and liberates from all anxiety.
 - C. Shammah – The Lord is here, always present.
 - D. Raah – Our Shepherd who cares for His sheep.
 - E. Nissi – Our Banner who defends and protects us.
 - F. Jireh – Our Provider who knows our needs.
 - G. M’Kaddesh – Our Sanctifier who makes us holy.
 - H. Rapha – Our Healer who restores health to us.
4. Jesus is the corporate redemptive name for God in the New Testament meaning “Savior.”
 - A. He was seated on high but humbled Himself to reach down to the lowly and lift them up. **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8**
 - B. He was raised up and now His Name fulfills all the redemptive Names of God.
PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11
 - C. He reconciled us to God and gave us the Power of Attorney to transact business for Him on earth.
5. Our praise.
 - A. Vitally connects us to God. **PSALMS 22:3**
 - B. Glorifies God and connects Him to us. **PSALMS 50:23**
 - C. Promotes increase and blessing. **PSALMS 67:5-7**