

# Moving Forward with Praise

*Psalms*

**Main idea:** To explore the concept of praise in the Bible, its significance, and its power in our lives

**Topic:** Praise

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Suggestions for moving forward with your sermon on praise:

1. Expand on the seven words used for praise in the Old Testament:

- Provide a brief explanation of each word and its significance in praising God.
- Include relevant Scripture passages that highlight the use of these words in the Psalms, such as Psalm 150:1-6.
- Explore the different aspects of praise that each word represents, such as thanksgiving, adoration, and exaltation.

2. Connect the concept of praise to the character of God:

- Highlight verses that describe God's attributes and how they inspire our praise, such as Psalm 145:3-7.
- Emphasize how our understanding of who God is should fuel our desire to praise Him.
- Discuss how praising God aligns us with His purposes and brings us closer to Him.

3. Explore the benefits and power of praise:

- Share additional Scripture passages that illustrate the impact of praise, such as Psalm 34:1-3.

- Discuss how praise can transform our perspective, uplift our spirits, and bring breakthrough in difficult situations.
- Encourage practical ways to incorporate praise into daily life, such as through worship, prayer, and gratitude.

#### 4. Highlight examples of praise in the Bible:

- Look for instances where the seven words for praise are used in other parts of the Bible, such as in the books of Chronicles or in the New Testament.
- Explain how these examples reinforce the importance and effectiveness of praise in various contexts.
- Connect these examples to real-life situations where praise can be applied, such as during times of personal challenges or corporate worship.

#### 5. Provide language insights from the original Hebrew:

- Research the original Hebrew words for praise and their nuances.
- Share any interesting linguistic or cultural insights related to these words that can deepen the understanding of praise.
- Offer practical suggestions on how listeners can incorporate these original language meanings into their own expressions of praise.

Remember to structure your sermon in a way that flows logically and engages your audience. Use personal examples sparingly, focusing more on biblical examples and practical application.