



The priority of praise

1 Chronicles 23:1–6



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¹ When David was old and full of years, he made his son Solomon king over Israel. ³ The Levites thirty years old or more were counted... ⁴ David said, 'Of these, ... ⁵ **four thousand are to praise the Lord with the musical instruments I have provided for that purpose.**'

PRIORITY OF PRAISE IS GOD'S PLAN

“David gave Solomon the plans of all that **the Spirit had put in his mind** for the divisions of the priests and Levites, and for all the work of serving in the temple of the Lord. ‘All this,’ David said, ‘I have in writing **as a result of the Lord’s hand on me.**’” 1 Chronicles 28:12–13, 19

PRIORITY OF PRAISE IS COMMANDED BY GOD

“Hezekiah stationed the Levites in the temple of the Lord with cymbals, harps and lyres in the way prescribed by David and Gad the king’s seer and Nathan the prophet; **this was commanded by the Lord through his prophets.**” 2 Chronicles 29:25

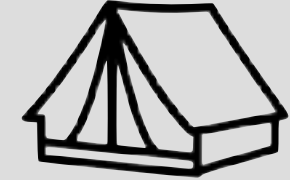


WORSHIP IN THE TEMPLE



Garden Temple

Gen. 1-3



Tabernacle

Exodus 25



Jesus

John 1-2



Temple

1 Kings 6



Christians

Eph. 2:21-22



**Cosmic
Temple**

Rev. 21:1-5



DAVID'S PRIORITY OF WORSHIP IN PSALMS

- ▶ Both spontaneous & formal worship (e.g., Ps. 3; 63:2)
- ▶ Both private & corporate worship (e.g., Ps. 26:12; 63:6)
- ▶ Uses symbols, images, & word pictures (e.g., Ps. 18:2)
- ▶ Rooted in revealed word of God (e.g., Ps. 18:30; 33:4; 56:4)
- ▶ Integrated with music as part of the worship response (e.g., Ps.33:2-3)



DAVID'S PRIORITY OF WORSHIP IN PSALMS

- ▶ Careful preparation, including confession and repentance, as a prerequisite for worship (e.g., Ps. 15; 24; 51)
- ▶ Makes sure he has right heart-attitude and motive (e.g., Ps. 51:6, 7, 10, 16-17)
- ▶ Expresses worship in a variety of rituals, bodily movements, and external actions (e.g., Ps. 20:3; 30:11)
- ▶ Worships with all his might (2 Sam. 6:5, 14)
- ▶ And with a heart aligned with God's (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22)



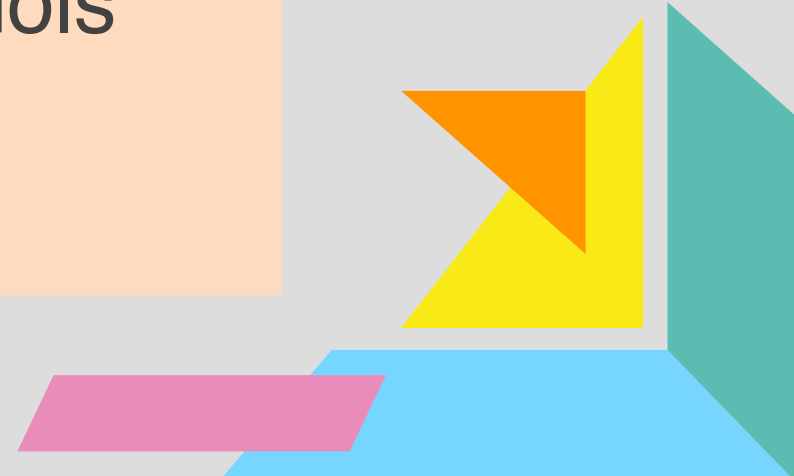
IF DAVID PRIORITISED PRAISE & WORSHIP, HOW MUCH MORE SHOULD WE!



- Are we making worship a priority in our life?
- How can we make worship a priority?
- What might be stopping us?



LET'S MAKE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRIORITY!

- Offer our bodies as living sacrifices
 - Be transformed
 - Identify and reject idols
 - Be open to Spirit
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**Learn from
David's life**

- ▶ Ensured praise priority for next generation
- ▶ Fear of what people thought did not stop him worshipping
- ▶ Didn't let past sins hold him back

WORSHIP MEETS THE FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS OF OUR BEING, Marva Dawn

- **Identity** (who am I?)
- **Master Story** (how does it all fit together?)
- **Loyalty** (to whom do I belong?)
- **Values** (by what shall I live?)
- **Power** (how can I protect myself?)
- **Meaning** (what is the purpose of my life?)
- **Hope** (why should I go on?)



JOHN 4:24

“God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

