



HOW CAN YOU PRAISE GOD TODAY, THIS WEEK, THIS YEAR?

## **Prayer: Why Pray?! (part 1 of 3)**

⇒ *Why pray...if...?*

- Matthew 5:44, 6:5-13; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Tim. 2:1; Psalm 145
- God commanded us to pray.
- Jesus prayed – He's our example and model.
- Prayer is communication with God.
- Prayer is how we run most effectively.

### **1. PRAISE –**

**Webster 1828 Dictionary:**

1. To commend; to applaud; to express approbation of personal worth or actions.
  2. To extol in words or song; to magnify; to glorify on account of perfections or excellent works.
  3. To express gratitude for personal favors.
  4. To do honor to; to display the excellence of.
- Places the focus on God.
  - Is sometimes sacrificial.
  - Proclaims God's power, character & works.
  - Is an avenue where God blesses and provides.

HOW MUCH TIME AND ENERGY DO YOU USE PRAISING GOD?