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# 24/7 Praise and Worship

**"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised." Psalm 113:3**

Psalm 113:3 is one of my favorite passages in the Bible because of the power of praise and worship. Those who practice praise and worship experience God in His fullness. 24/7 praise and worship is a major part of the vision here at the prayer center. Every moment that the prayer center is open either live or recorded, there is praise and worship heard in the prayer room. In the temple that will be built at Beulah Land, unending praise and worship will be heard.

## **What Is Praise Unto God?**

It is simply expressing thanks to God.

## **Praise And Worship Brings The Presence Of God.**

Psalm 22:3 says, "But thou art holy, and thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." When we praise God, we are ushered into His presence.

## **In His Presence Comes His Power.**

His power brings salvation, deliverance, healing, restoration, and provision. In His presence, the human spirit gives way to the Holy Spirit and is then able to accept through revelation that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think.

## **Praise Unto God Changes The Atmosphere.**

It replaces hopelessness with hope. Psalm 71:14- "As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more."

**Praise Lightens One's Spirit** because it is the act that helps one release the cares of this world off one's shoulders onto the shoulders of God. Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

## **Praise And Worship Takes Discipline.**

The devil wants to steal your praise because it is the praise that pushes the forces of evil back and brings the power of God. Our praise must be expressed in all situations whether we feel like praising God or not. Hebrews 13:15 says, "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name."

## **Praise Is An Expression Of The Spirit, Not Of The Mind.**

John 4:24 says, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." It is important to note that one's level of intimacy with God will affect one's level of praise unto God. The closer that you get to God, the more you will praise Him.

Many of you understand the importance of praise and worship and your daily lives are expressions of praise unto God. You want to feel His presence and require His power. There is no substitute to praising God daily. Moment to moment, throughout your day, being grateful for who God is in your life and expressing that thankfulness regularly throughout each and every day will greatly affect the quality of your day and how you are used to fulfill God's purpose in you life.

God wants us to praise Him and He is worthy of our praise. I leave you with the Psalm 150:1-6. "Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."

*Pastor Greg Speich*



# A New Year: A Year of Jubilee

Lev. 25:11- "A Jubilee shall the fiftieth year be unto you."

Every 50 years in Israel was to be announced as a Jubilee year. Three essential features characterized this year. 1) Liberty was proclaimed to all who were slaves. 2) All possessions were returned. 3) A year of rest for the land. This year had a great spiritual significance: captives to boundaries set free, financial blessings, and rest. The cross and resurrection enabled a Jubilee for those who believe and follow the Lord.

In this new year, let us look beyond ourselves. What are our thoughts toward those who are helpless and in great need? The theme of Bethel is Isaiah 62:6- "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night; ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence."

The Word of God warned the prophet Elijah to prepare for the journey that was before him (I Kings 19:7). Likewise, the Word of God tells us to prepare because the journey before us is too great for us. II Timothy 3:1- "This know also that in the last days, perilous times shall come." Satan knows his time is short because the Lord is near His soon return. Rev. 12:12- "For the devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because He knoweth that His time is short."

## 4 Ways To Prepare For The Journey Before You

**1) Be Thankful For What The Lord Has Brought You Through!** Psalm 50:14-15- "Offer unto God thanksgiving... Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and thou shalt glorify me." This is a very important part of our spiritual walk with the Lord.

**2) Prepare Through Fasting and Prayer!** Isaiah 58:6- "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" The main reason we should include fasting with prayer is that Jesus fasted and told us to fast. We encouraged a 21-day Daniel Fast at the beginning of the year and to include fasting periodically through the year. Include fasting with difficult

circumstances. Mark 9:29- "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

## **3) Prepare By Not Allowing Fear To Take Control Of You!**

II Timothy 1:7- "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Remember to surround yourself with people of the Word of God and people of faith. Also, it is very important to not forsake coming together with spirit-filled believers; especially as we see the signs of the end days being fulfilled all around us (Hebrews 10:25). Romans 10:17- "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

## **4) Be Prepared For The Coming Of The Lord! Matthew 24:32-34**

- "So likewise, when you shall see these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled."

### It Is Important:

- (A) To Pray!—I Thess. 5:17- "Pray without ceasing."
- (B) To Be Faithful!—Rev. 2:10- "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life."
- (C) To Be A Witness!—Acts 1:8- "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."
- (D) To Put On Your Spiritual Armor!—Ephesians 6:13-18- "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day..."
- (E) To Look For The Lord's Return!—Hebrews 9:28- "...unto them that look for Him, shall He appear the second time..."

Shalom!

*Pastor Gene Speich*



# Israel's Population Hits 8.4 Million

On the eve of the Jewish New Year there are 8.412 million people living in Israel, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported. In the course of 5775, the population grew by 158,000, a 1.9-percent increase. There are 6.3 million Jews in Israel (74.9%), 1.746 million Arabs (20.7%) and 366,000 other residents (4.4%). The population will reach 10 million sometime in 2025-2030, the CBS forecast [predicted]. Over the past year, 168,000 babies were born and 42,000 people died. Net immigration to Israel over the past year was 32,000. Of this number, 28,000 were new immigrants, representing a 35% increase over the previous year. Most of the immigrants came from Ukraine (26%), France (25%), Russia (21%), and the US (9%).

Source: *The Jerusalem Post* (Sept. 9, 2015)



6) **Shabach**- "to commend"/ "to address in loud tone"/ "to shout before God in praise"

> Psalm 117:1- O (Shabach) the LORD, all ye nations: (Shabach) Him, all ye people.

**\*Shout unto God with a voice of triumph. Shout unto God with a voice of praise. Shabach is the praise of the Israelites marching around Jericho's massive walls. It is a relentless praise that cannot speak enough of God's greatness. It is the "disturbing the peace" kind of praise that keeps you shouting at 3am even after Mrs. Witherspoon has threatened to call the cops. Go easy on fictional Mrs. Witherspoon though. She works the early shift at Denny's.**

7) **Halal**- "to shine"/ "to boast"/ "to rave"/ "to celebrate"/ "to be clamorously foolish"

→ (root word for Hallelujah)

> Psalm 113:1- (Halal) the Lord! (Halal), O servants of the Lord, (Halal) the name of the Lord!

> Psalm 149:3- Let them (Halal) His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

**\*If Shabach is the loud praise, Halal is the crazy praise. Not to say that the praise is crazy, but others will probably think you are crazy if you praise like this. This is the praise that the people shared in during the dedication of Solomon's temple. It is David's dancing. It is being so filled with the light of God, that you can do nothing else but let it shine.**

-God Bless!

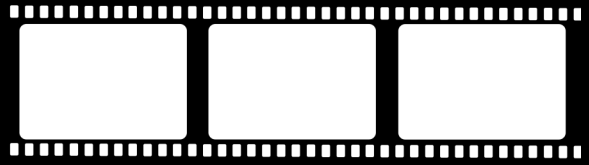
*Andrew Beall*

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## Updates on Beulah Land



- Temple Drawings (hand drawn to define the vision) **PAID IN FULL**
- Zoning Approval for 4x8 sign (now installed) **PAID IN FULL**
- Site Evaluation and Preliminary Flagging of Temple Site **PAID IN FULL**
- Clearing the Temple Site (still to be completed) **DONATED**
- Preliminary Design (concepts): **ORDERED**
- \*Preliminary Design includes floor plans and exterior elevations.
- Paid: \$5,200.00/-Remaining Balance: \$2,600.00 **PAYMENT REQUIRED**

I want to thank all of our prayer partners and friends who are praying and giving to see this vision of 24/7 prayer become a reality.

*Pastor Greg Speich*

If you feel led of the Lord to help pay off the remaining \$2,600 owed on the Preliminary Design, you can make your check out to Bethel World Prayer Center and mark your giving "BLDF."