Outline

Intro: Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:7-10 (NASB) 7 They *brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it.

8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

9 Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting:
"Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; 10
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!" (See also Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:37-44; John 12:12-15; Psalm 118:25-29)

What are the Types of Praisers? (These are similar in nature to the parable of the soils Mark 4:3-20.)

I. ____ Praisers Mudders Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 1:28-32; Colossians 3:5-9; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

II. _____ Praisers Mudder Coveruppers, Pretenders Matthew 23:25-28; 15:7-9

Praisers Mud Slingers

Mark 4:19 (NASB) 19 but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5; 2:14

Philippians 2:14 (NASB) 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; complaining NKJV

1 Peter 4:9 (NASB) 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint. Exodus 15:24 (NASB) 24 So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" See also Exodus 16:2,6-12; 17:3; Numbers 14:1-4,29,36-37; John 6:60-61; 1 Corinthians 10:10; James 3:6-12

IV. _____ Praisers Mud Avoiders Phil 2:17; 4:11-13; 4:4-9; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Acts 16:22-33

Paul - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NASB) 7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Jesus - Psalm 22:3 (KJV) 3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV) 15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. Psalm 34:1-3 (NASB) 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice. 3 O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 119:164 (NASB) 164 Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous ordinances.

Psalm 22:1-31 (NASB)

The following is taken from the book, Talking with God: A Practical Plan for Personal Prayer – By Dick Eastman Chapter 1 PRAISE:

Praise means to consider something worthy of honor. It is to esteem, value, or cherish a person for His virtues or accomplishments. Praise is the fruit of our lips (Hebrews 13:15). Therefore, in praising God, we can begin to praise the Lord for His....

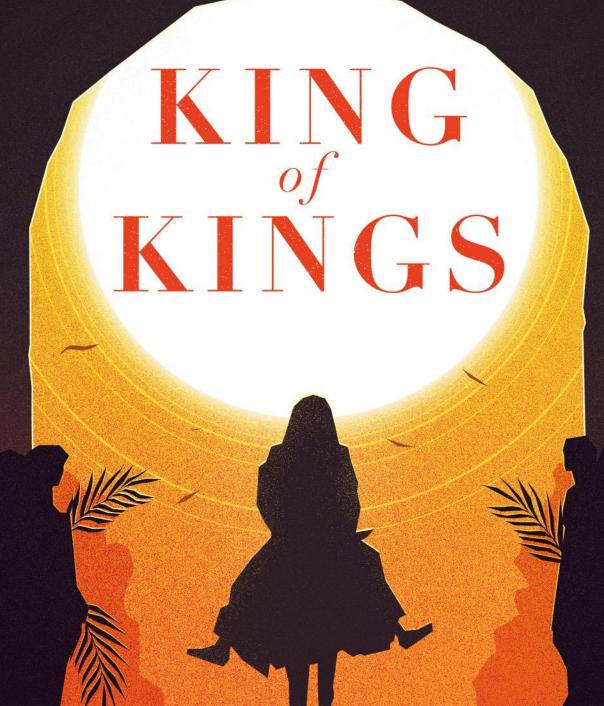
a. Praise God for His NAME Psalm 115:1 What are some of the names of the Lord? God / Jesus / Holy Spirit / Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father Isaiah 9:6

- b. Praise God for His RIGHTEOUSNESS Psalm 35:28 God is the standard. He is right and just.
- c. Praise God for His infinite CREATION Psalm 150:2 Praise Him for His mighty acts.
 All of creation is a treasure house of praise.
- d. Praise God for His WORD Psalm 56:10 How can we praise God for His word? Psalm 19 offers a helpful outline to praise our Lord:
 - 1) Psalm 19:7 for converting the soul
 - 2) Psalm 19:7 for making wise the simple
 - 3) Psalm 19:8 for rejoicing the heart
 - 4) Psalm 19:8 for enlightening the eyes
 - 5) Psalm 19:9 for giving us a fear of the Lord which is cleansing and enduring forever
 - 6) Psalm 19:9 for giving us the judgments of the Lord which are true and righteous His Presence in Praise

Sermon Series: His Presence

His Presence in Praise

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Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

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Psalm 22:1 (NASB)

¹ My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

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Oh the glory of Your presence We Your temple Give You reverence So arise from Your rest And be blessed by our praise As we glory in Your embrace As Your presence Now fills this place

- What was your home life like as a child? Peaceful, chaotic, arguing, complaining, positive, encouraging, sarcastic, put-downs, critical, etc. Share with the group as many of the above descriptions that fit your home life growing up.
- 2. How do you respond to people who are negative, critical, and many times complaining?
- 3. As you listened to the story of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, what is your take on the nature of the crowd's praise? Was it genuine? Was it pretend? Was it mixed? Was it true praise?
- 4. Which of the four types of "praisers" do you sense most Christians fit into?

- 5. Which of the four types of "praisers" do you seem to live like most often?
- 6. What is your take on Psalm 22:1-31 and Jesus on the cross. Do you think He was dwelling on being forsaken by God His Father? Or do you think He was simply starting to quote the Psalm, and He was dwelling on the praise at the end of the Psalm rather than the torture He was going through? Have you ever heard of any missionary or martyr stories of people singing while going to their death?
- 7. Why do you think it is so hard to be a continual praiser as Hebrews 13:15 speaks about?

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- 8. Do you think it is possible to be a continual praiser of the Lord as Hebrews 13:15 exhorts?
- 9. Pastor Randy spoke about a lifestyle of praising before you come to church during the week, praising the Lord with all of your attention during the service of worship, and then praising Him after you leave the service. What part of "before", "during", and "after", do you think is the hardest for you? Why is it easier to praise the Lord with others around us?

10. What one thing can you do to begin to enjoy and seek His presence more so that your praise is more genuine and more continuous?

11. Why is the Presence of the Lord the key to a life of praise, rather than trying our hardest to be a praiser?