

Some of the notes originated from Earl Bittenbender and New Topical Textbook

What is the most important thing in life?

- To earn a living?
- To marry the right person?
- To get Saved?
- To Serve God?

Shorter Catechism – “What is the chief end of man?”

Answer – “Man’s chief end is to Glorify God” Isa. 43:7, 10-11, 21

H1984 hâlal *haw-lal'* A primitive root; to *be clear* (originally of sound, but usually of color); to *shine*; hence to *make a show*; to *boast*; Praise. **H8416** t^ehillâh *teh-hil-law'* From H1984; *laudation*; specifically (concretely) a *hymn*: - praise.

Our Life should be a song of Praise – I Cor. 10:31.

Is expecting Praising from us, selfish on God part? - Isa.43:7,10-11,21

I. THE MEANING OF PRAISE

Dictionary – to bestow approval on; to honor; to worship, to glorify; commendation.

H3034 yâdâh *yaw-daw'* A primitive root; used only as denominative from H3027; literally to *use* (that is, hold out) *the hand*; physically to *throw* (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to *revere* or *worship* (with extended hands); intensively to *bemoan* (by wringing the hands): - cast (out), (make) confess (-ion), praise, shoot, (give) thank (-ful, -s, -sgiving). NOT EASY!?!

TO PRAISE – To hold God in highest respect, honor and admiration. Praise will come easier as we recognize all things were made by Him and for Him and we are the sheep of His pasture by His design.

II. THE PARTICIPANTS IN PRAISE

1. Angels – Ps. 103:20-21; 148:2
2. Saints – Ps. 30:4; 149:5-6
3. Nations – Ps. 117:1-2
4. Children – Matt. 21:16; Ps. 8:2
5. High and Lowly – Ps. 148:11
6. Young and Old – Ps. 148:12-13
7. All creation – Ps. 148:1-10; 150:6

III. THE REASONS FOR PRAISE

1. Because of His Majesty – Isa. 24:14
2. Because of God’s Glory – Ps. 138:5
3. Because of God’s excellent Name – Ps. 148:13
4. Because of God’s Greatness – Ps. 145:3
5. Because of the Lord’s holiness – Ex. 15:11; Ps. 30:4
6. Because of God’s Wisdom – Dan. 2:17-20

7. Because of God's Power – Ps. 21:13
8. Because of God's Goodness – Ps. 107:8, 15, 21, 31
9. Because of God's Loving-kindness and truth –Ps. 138:2
10. Because of God's Mercy – II Chor. 20:21; Lam. 3:22-23
11. Because of God's Faithfulness - Lam. 3:22-23; Isa. 25:1
12. Because God provided Salvation – Luke 1:68-69
13. Because of God's wonderful works – Ps. 150:2; 107:8, 15, 21, 31

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