

CONNECT STUDY GUIDE

THE POWER AND PURPOSE OF PRAISE

The world rings with praise—lovers praising their mistresses, readers their favourite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favourite game—praise of weather, wines, dishes, actors, motors, horses, colleges, countries, historical personages, children, flowers, mountains, rare stamps, rare beetles, even sometimes politicians or scholars. [C.S. Lewis, Reflections on the Psalms]

If the world rings with praise, then surely the Maker of the Heavens and the earth deserves praise. Praise in my opinion should be a spontaneous, natural and appropriate response to encountering the Lord Jesus. If this is so, why do those of us who claim to have had this encounter often struggle to give God the glory due His wonderful name?

May the Lord ordain praise out of the mouths of New Lifers now and always.

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**Psalm 50:23, Psalm 96:8-10, Psalm 100:1-5, John 4: 21-25,
Revelation 4:1-11**

1. What does and praise mean and why/how do we worship and praise God?

Joshua 6:1-21, 2 Chronicles 20:20-24, Psalm 22:3-4, Acts 16:22-34

2. What are some of the benefits and results of worship?