

Christmas Praise

Luke 2:21-40

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1. Why should we praise Jesus?
 - a. Praise Because Of Who **Appeared** – verses 26-30
 - b. Praise Because Of Why He **Arrived** – verses 30-32.
 - c. Praise Because Of What He **Would Accomplish**– verses 34-35
 - i. A Stone – a **cornerstone**
 - ii. A Sign – a **miraculous sign**
 - iii. A Sword – a **piercing sword**
2. How should we praise Jesus?
 - a. Praise him **vocally** v. 28 - praise should not be private.
 - ii. Psalm 47:1, Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
 - iii. Psalm 98:4 Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.
 - iv. Ps 135:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD! 2 You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God, 3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.
 - v. Hebrews 13:15, Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.
 - b. Praise Him **visibly** v. 28 – praise should not be passive
 - i. Psalm 63:4, Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.
 - ii. Psalm 134:2, Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD.
 - iii. 2 Samuel 6:14, Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.
 - c. Praise him **verbally** v. 38 - Praise should proclaim his name
 - i. Psalm 51:13, Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.
 - ii. Psalm 107:2, Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
 - iii. Mark 5:19-20, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." 20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.
3. When are we actually praising Jesus?
 - a. When The Sovereign is **exalted** . v. 28, 38
 - b. When his servants are **encouraged** verse 33,
 - c. When salvation is **extended** v. 30, 38

Have you any Christmas praise? Can you praise? You can begin today **if**....