

# “Praise Where Praise Is Due”

~ Psalm 148

Sermon Series:  
“Calvary Prays”



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ACTS stands for:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication (or asking)

To praise God is to talk about His character more than His actions.

True Praise helps us acknowledge our lowliness and God's power.

True Praise is an exercise of faith.

When we praise God in prayer, our praise becomes the reason that we pray for everything else.

## **Text for Personal Reflection:**

<sup>24</sup> “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “ ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’ – <sup>27</sup> for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” *(Acts 4:24–30)*

## **Prayer & Reflection Questions:**

Why do they choose the example of David as justification for their prayer?

What do they expect God to do for them?

Is their request bigger or smaller than their stated example of God’s power?