

# **Saints Lift Your Voices : The Joy of Praising God**

## **Introduction:**

David was called “a man after God’s own heart.” One reason was because of his continual dependence on God, often shown by how he praised God throughout his life – (Psalm 7:17)

- a. He always sought to praise God, even in trials and distress (Psalm 18:6)
- b. David consistently gave honor and glory to God (Psalm 63:3-4)

Do we honor God in the same way today? Are we lifting our voices in praise to Him at every opportunity, good or bad, like David?

Consider 3 reasons why our worship to God can become lukewarm.

## **1. A Lack of Knowledge or Understanding of God and His Abilities**

- a. What does it mean to worship something?
- b. How often should we be engaged in that worship?
- c. Consider all that God has done and what He can do (Psalm 19:1)
- d. Think about how the Bible describes God (Psalm 86:11, Mal.3:6)
- e. When we understand and appreciate who God really is, we will not be able to contain our praise! (Psalm 99:3)

## **2. We become Overwhelmed by the Cares of the World**

- a. Paul describes those who know God, but worship idols (Romans 1:20)
- b. Satan tempted Jesus with worshipping the things of the world (Matt. 4:5-7)
- c. We must be focused on our Creator
  - i. A focus on the earthly things will cause us to worship them (Col.3:5)
  - ii. With our mind focused on God, we will be satisfied with His praise (Psalm 17:15)

## **3. We need to Grow in our Faith**

- a. When we fail to praise God each and every day, we begin to doubt what He can do (Matt. 14:30-31)
- b. Our worship and praise to God is directly linked to the strength and depth of our faith
- c. The story of the widow and Elisha in 2 Kings 4 teaches us about the need for a strong faith in what God can do

**Let us all give our best to fill our lives with praise and worship of Almighty God!**