THE ASCENT

PSALMS 120-134

PART 15

Reach for the Sky

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Psalm 134

Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. May the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

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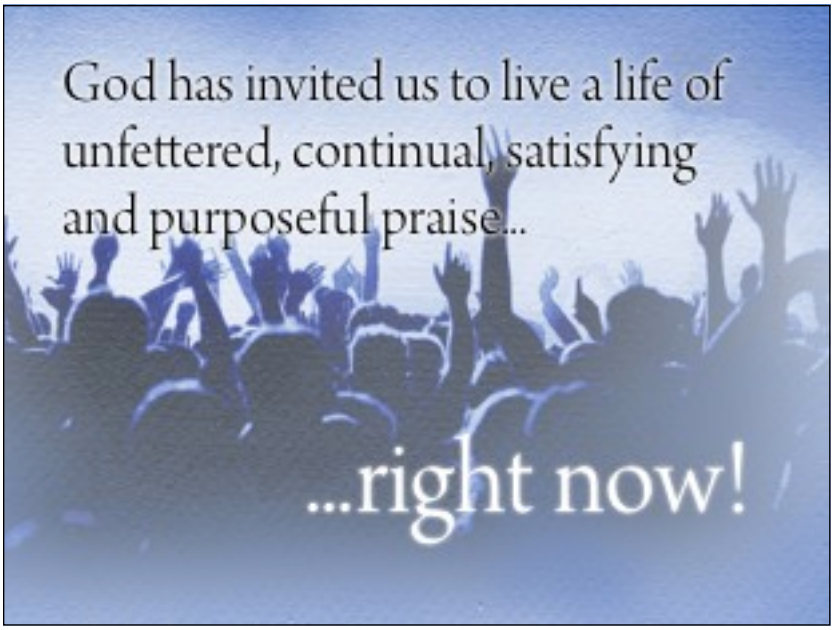
God has invited us to live a life of unfettered, continual, satisfying and purposeful praise...
...right now!

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the journey toward heaven *is* a foretaste *of* heaven
Practice here what we'll be doing when we get there:
Praise

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"Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord."
PSALM 134:1

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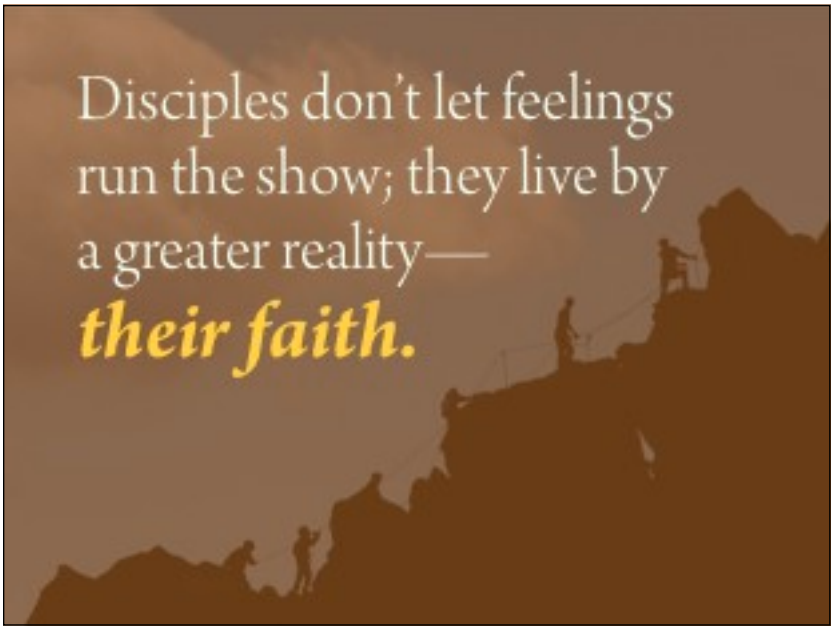
Disciples don't let feelings run the show; they live by a greater reality—
their faith.

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"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.
PSALM 134:2

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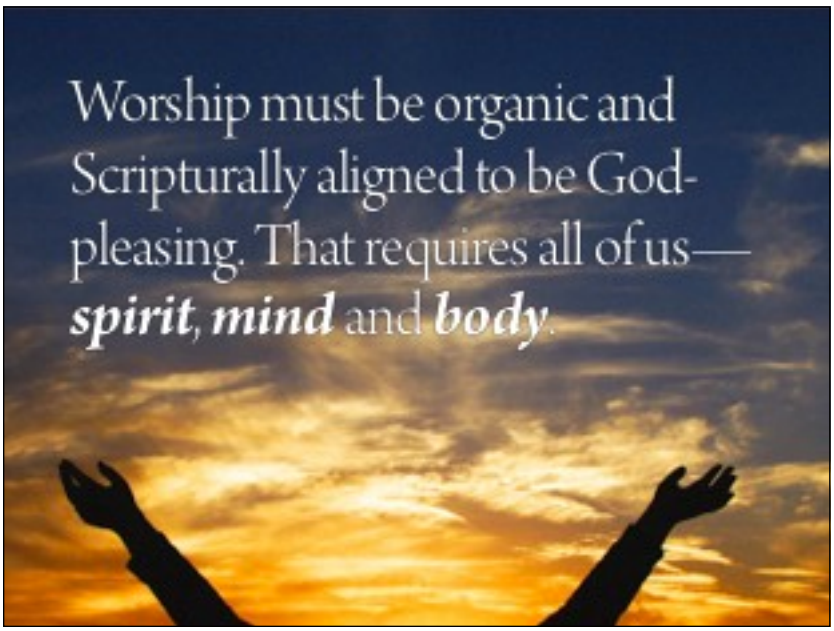
Worship must be organic and Scripturally aligned to be God-pleasing. That requires all of us—
spirit, mind and body.

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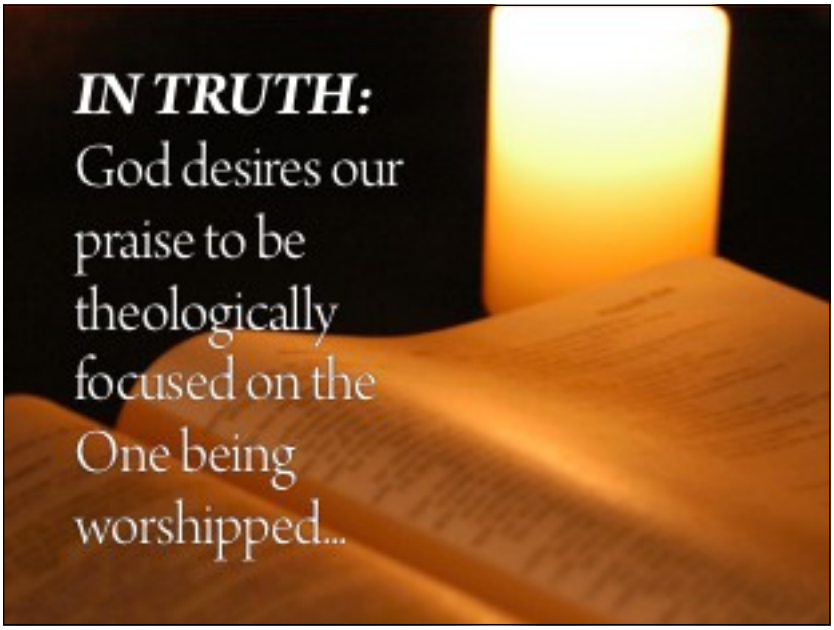

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Worship *without* spirit will only be ***intellectual***

Worship *without* truth, will only be ***emotional***

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"He bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God's glory."
I CORINTHIANS 6:20
Authentic worship honors God *with* the **body**.

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Raising our hands in praise is a two-way transaction of love!

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"Lift your hands in the Holy Place and bless the Lord!"
PSALM 134:2 ESV

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You may not be able to command your heart, but you **can** command your arms.
***Lift** your hands in praise* and your heart may just get the message and be lifted in praise as well.

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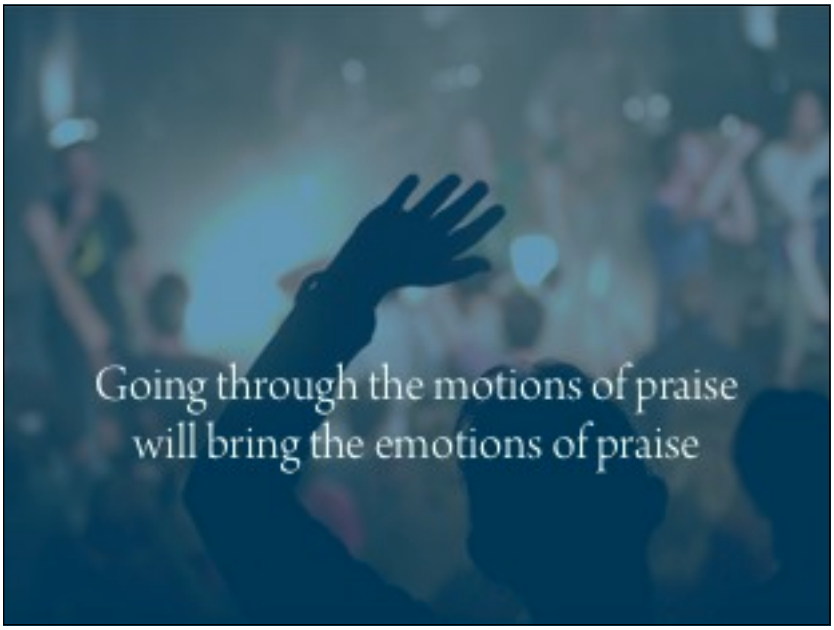
Going through the motions of praise will bring the emotions of praise

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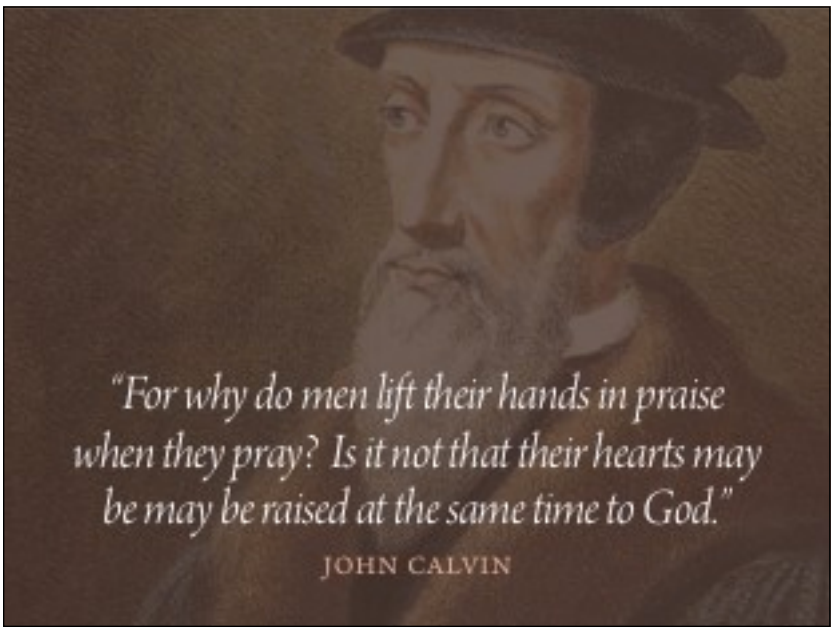
"For why do men lift their hands in praise when they pray? Is it not that their hearts may be may be raised at the same time to God."
JOHN CALVIN

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You can act your way into faith
a lot quicker than you can feel
your way into it.

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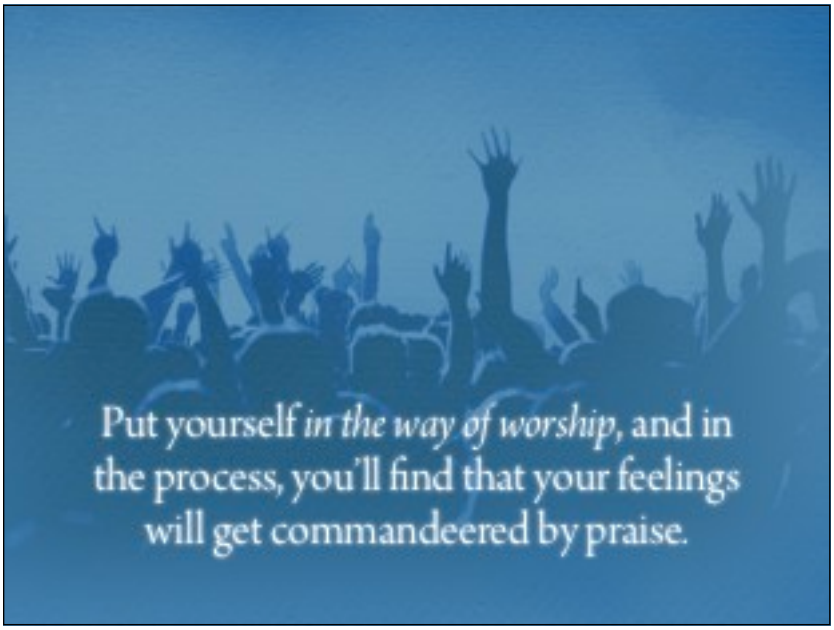

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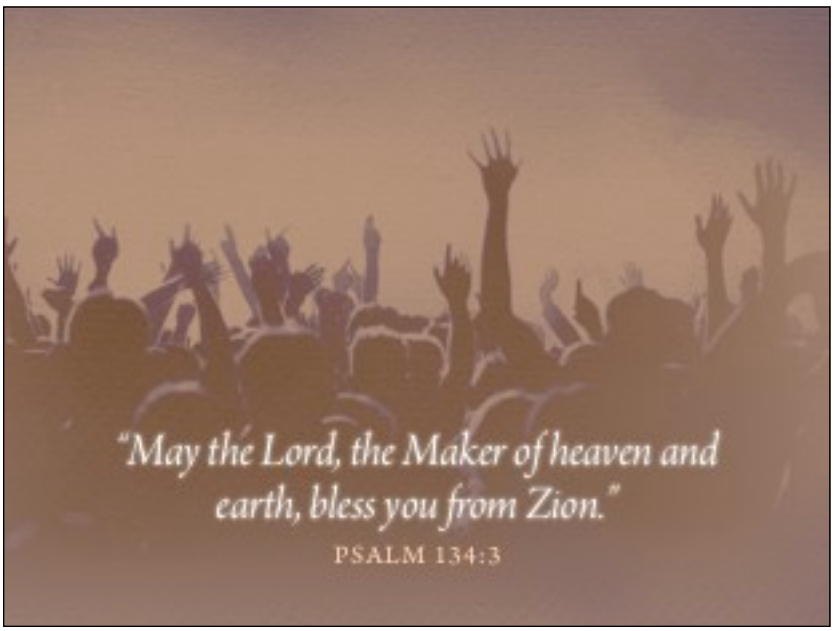

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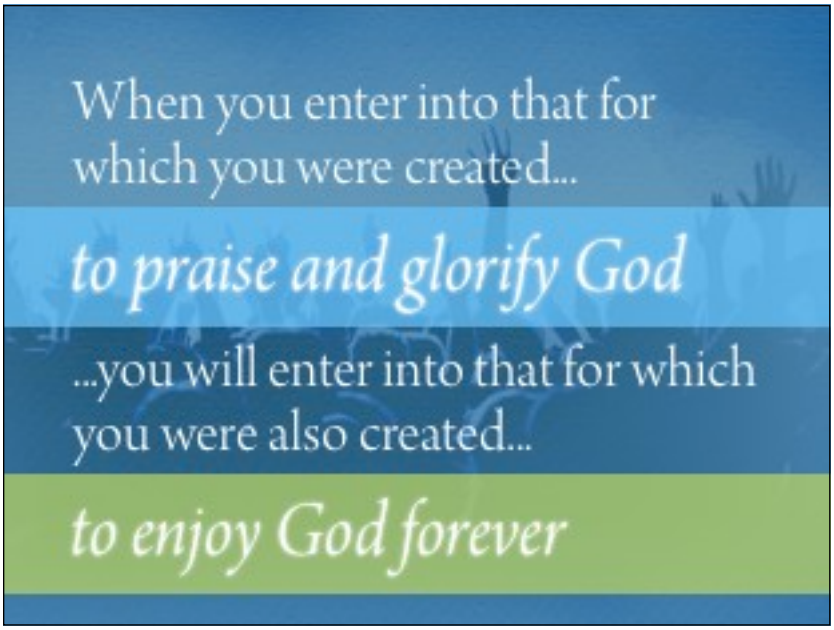
When you enter into that for which you were created...
to praise and glorify God
...you will enter into that for which you were also created...
to enjoy God forever

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You don't have to wait until you get to the end of the road before you can enjoy what is at the end of the road.

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"Lift your hands in the Holy Place and bless the Lord!"

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