

JUDE'S PATTERN OF PRAISE TO GOD
JUDE 24-25

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Introduction:

1. The name Jude means “the praise of the Lord” and in his short letter he gives us insight into how we can biblically praise God.
2. But what is praise? Simply put, it is the act of glorifying God.
3. The Bible is full of outbursts of praise, which rise up from the basic mood of joy, which marks the life of the people of God.
4. Truly God is worthy of our continual praise. **2 Samuel 22:4** *I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.*
5. Let's look at Jude's pattern of praise to God.

I. NOTICE JUDE'S FOUR-FOLD PRAISE TO GOD. **v. 25** *...to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.*

A. Glory. Not just some glory, but all glory, for any and all glory belongs to God. **Psalm 108:4-5** *For Your mercy is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth;*

B. Majesty. Majesty is that which is to affirm God's royal position or rank; recognizing His right to rule over all of creation. **1 Chronicles 29:11** *Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all.*

C. Dominion. Dominion speaks of the territory of God's reign. He is Lord of all. **Psalm 72:8** *He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.*

D. Power. This refers to God's omnipotence, His ability to do anything He desires. **Psalm 62:11** *God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.*

II. NOTICE WHY JUDE PRAISES GOD. **v. 24** *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy...*

A. Jude understands that God has the ability to keep him from falling from His grace due to sin and its deception. **Psalm 116:8** *For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.*

1. What a terrible thing it would be if we could so sin as to lose our salvation, but what a wonderful truth it is to be saved and assured that you can never lose it.

B. Jude also is assured that Jesus will present him faultless before the Father. **Ephesians 5:27** *that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

1. Faultless as though he had never sinned.

C. The word “present” is extremely important here. It can also be translated as “make stand,” and refers to the fact that Jesus will cause him to stand, or He will make it possible for him to stand before the very presence of God.

1. The only way a sinner can stand in the presence of God is to be faultless. That is how we will be presented to the Father.

D. Observe where we will be at that time; before the presence of His glory, never to depart.

Revelation 7:9-10 *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one*

could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

III. NOTICE WHAT THE MOOD WILL BE AT THAT MOMENT. "Exceeding joy." **Psalm 32:11**
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

- A. Who will be joyful?
 - 1. Jesus will. It will be His joy to present us to the Father.
 - 2. Those who are saved. It will be our joy to be there.
 - 3. The Father will. It will be His joy to receive us.
- B. This joy is something that we can only wonder about now. We have not yet experienced it.
- C. Once we do experience it, we will never lose it. Heaven will be pure joy, all the time.

Conclusion:

- 1. God will take pleasure in hearing our praise because man was created to praise Him.
- 2. No wonder Jude was praising God. Even with all the dangers that faced him as a believer, he knew that God was in control.
- 3. Even though we may face trials and tribulations in this life, what lies ahead for us makes it of far more worth than any problem we might face here on earth.
- 4. Are you anticipating being with Jesus? Will you be able to truly praise Him for all eternity?
- 5. Can you praise Him for what is going on in your life right now whether it be good or bad?
- 6. He is worthy of all our praise.