

pleases You, and shall prosper in the thing whereto You sent it. And Lord, we thank You that tonight Your word will accomplish Your purpose. People will be saved and come into Your kingdom this very night. Thank You, Lord, for Your promise and the power of Your Holy Spirit working in and through us. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.

Dad's faith and the power of the Holy Spirit did a wonderful work that night. Many people were saved in that little church.

Praying in faith is exciting. As long as we pray with right motives, according to God's will and agenda, and not for our own selfish reasons, God will answer those prayers, and great things will happen.

10. Praise and Thanksgiving Time

Many Christians lump praise and thanksgiving together, not realizing that there's a difference between them. Praise recognizes God for who He is. Thanksgiving recognizes Him for what He has done.

Both praise and thanksgiving are necessary ingredients in our relationship with God. It's usually better to start with praise first, because even during tough times when we don't really feel like thanking God, we can always praise Him for who He is. He's the same every day: loving, patient, kind, giving—He's perfect. So we are never without reasons to praise Him. Once we begin, it doesn't take long for our praise to turn into thanksgiving for what He has done.

Worship in the form of praise and thanksgiving gives God a lot of joy. After all, we were all created to worship God. But it also benefits us greatly. When we praise God, He inhabits us. When we thank God, He blesses us. And our worship gives us a better perspective. Paul Billheimer said, "Here is one of the greatest values of praise: It decentralizes self. The worship and praise of God