

# S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*“Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and  
bless the LORD.”  
Psalms 134:2*

## What to Do While You Are in the House of the Lord

You will find throughout the Word of God that when the people of God came together there were these main elements to their worship service: Prayer, Praise and the Word. These elements are not disconnected one from the other. In fact, it is prayer and praise that creates the atmosphere for the preaching of the Word.

Psalms 100 tells us to make a joyful noise unto the LORD. To serve the LORD with gladness and come before His presence with singing. To enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Psalms 150 speaks about praising God in His sanctuary.

In the New Testament the church is taught, “...teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord,” (Colossians 3:16). Hebrews 2:12, “...in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.”

When the church engages in worship and praise as a body, it attracts the attention of God. “But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel,” (Psalms 22:3). It is in this atmosphere of His presence that the Word of God becomes effective to us.

The preacher and preaching are very important to the church. Romans 10 speaks to this fact: “How shall they hear without a preacher?” “So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” In 1 Thessalonians 2:13 Paul states, “...when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”

Preaching in a church service is very important to your life. It produces faith in your heart, affects the way you think and gives direction for your life. So this is what you do while in the house of the Lord: pray, praise and listen to the Word.

**Family Prayer:** *Lord, thank You for the privilege and freedom of worship. I want to express my praise to You with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength! In Jesus' name, amen.*



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We can praise God by clapping or waving our hands, jumping, singing, etc. We can also use musical instruments. As a family, let's make tambourines. You will need a bag of beans and/or rice, 2 paper plates per family member, and glue or staples. Pour the beans/rice onto 1 plate, place the 2nd plate on top so the edges are lined together. Carefully place glue around the edges or simply staple around the plate. You can also decorate if you'd like. Sing some worship songs, use your tambourines, clap your hands and give God a shout of praise.

Let's talk

Have there been times when you got to church late, failed to join in worship, and stayed distracted during the preaching? Discuss the difference when you pray before church, truly enter into worship during the service, and intently absorb the Word of God as it is preached. There is a reason the Bible encourages us to pray, praise, and listen to the Word!

While prayer is a major part of our services, we also want to make sure we set aside prayer time at home as well. This week, pray for God to lead you to hungry hearts that are searching for Him.

Ask the Lord to place someone on your heart this week and reach out to them and invite them to your next service.

Looking



Outward

## Additional Challenges

How appropriate that the Book of Psalms would end with praise. Let's review Psalms 150:

Who are we to praise and where?

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Why do we praise Him?

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Name some instruments we can use to give God praise.

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Who is supposed to give God praise?

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What phrase is repeated in this chapter? Why do you think it's repeated?

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Where else are we instructed to 'Praise ye the Lord'?

Psalms 106:48

\_\_\_\_\_ be the LORD God of \_\_\_\_\_ from everlasting to  
\_\_\_\_\_: and let all the \_\_\_\_\_ say, Amen. \_\_\_\_\_ ye the LORD.

Psalms 111:1

Praise ye the \_\_\_\_\_. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD with my whole \_\_\_\_\_, in the assembly of  
the \_\_\_\_\_, and in the congregation.

Psalms 112:1

Praise ye the LORD. \_\_\_\_\_ is the man that \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD, that  
\_\_\_\_\_ greatly in his commandments.

Psalms 117:2

For his \_\_\_\_\_ kindness is \_\_\_\_\_ toward us: and the truth of the LORD  
\_\_\_\_\_ for ever. Praise ye the LORD



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