

Praise To A Personal God

The Scene: The prophet Isaiah is writing these positive words during a very stressful time. He and his people are surrounded by increased wickedness and the coming destruction of foreign nations. Even in the midst of unfavorable circumstances, we too can say with humble boldness, "Oh Lord, you are my God." **Isaiah 25:1-5** sounds like a psalm.

1. Isaiah praised God for his **faithfulness**, verse 1.
 - a) What are some of the names of God that continue to encourage you as you worship?
 - b) What are some recent evidences of God's faithfulness in your life?
 - c) What is one life experience that reminds you of God's perfect timing?
2. Isaiah praised God for His **power**, verses 2-3.
 - a) What is one of your favorite parts of God's incredible creation?
 - b) Share some personal promises of God's power such as Ephesians 3:20, Luke 11:9-10, Philippians 4:19.
 - c) What need do you have right now where you are in trusting in God's power?
3. Isaiah praised God for His **shelter**, verses 4-5.
 - a) When you were a child, what/who was your "emotional shelter" when things became stormy?
 - b) What "storm" or "heat of the desert" is affecting you right now?
 - c) How is God wanting to shelter you? Will you let Him?

Practice The Right Attitude (Answer The Following Questions)

If you were to move to a poor, primitive country, what three things would you miss from your current life?

If you could relive any part of your life what part would it be and why?

What are three things you are most thankful for in your life right now?
What are some of the things you do to show your thankfulness?

What person in your life has been the best example of love?
Explain how.

Has there been a time in the past year or two when God seemed especially real or close to you? If so, explain.

Has there been a time in your life where God didn't seem to make any sense?
How did you handle that?