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Like the psalmist David, all of us love Jehovah and enjoy praising him. We have a special opportunity to express our love for God when we meet with our congregation for worship. Some of us, however, find it difficult to comment at our meetings. If you face that challenge, this article can help you identify your fears and work on overcoming them.

(Psalm 22:22) I will declare your name to my brothers; In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Paragraph 1

(Psalm 145:3) Jehovah is great and most worthy of praise; His greatness is unsearchable.

(Psalm 22:22) I will declare your name to my brothers; In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

(Psalm 40:5) How many things you have done, O Jehovah my God, Your wonderful works and your thoughts toward us. None can compare to you; If I were to try to tell and speak of them, They would be too numerous to recount!

(1 Chronicles 29:10-13) Then David praised Jehovah before the eyes of all the congregation. David said: “May you be praised, O Jehovah the God of Israel our father, throughout all eternity. 11 Yours, O Jehovah, are the greatness and the mightiness and the beauty and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Jehovah. You are the One exalting yourself as head over all. 12 The riches and the glory are from you, and you rule over everything, and in your hand there are power and mightiness, and your hand is able to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now, O our God, we thank you and praise your beautiful name.

Paragraph 3

(Psalm 119:108) Please take pleasure in my voluntary offerings of praise, O Jehovah, And teach me your judgments.

(Hebrews 13:15) Through him let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of our lips that make public declaration to his name.

Paragraph 4

(Leviticus 5:7) “If, though, he cannot afford a sheep, he must bring to Jehovah two turtledoves or two young pigeons as his guilt offering for the sin, one for a sin offering and one for a burnt offering.

(Leviticus 5:11) “Now if he cannot afford two turtledoves or two young pigeons, he must bring as his offering for his sin a tenth of an e'phah of fine flour for a sin offering. He should not add oil to it or place frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering.

Paragraph 5

(Acts 18:24) Now a Jew named A·pol'los, a native of Alexandria, arrived in Eph'e·sus; he was an eloquent man who was well-versed in the Scriptures.

(Acts 26:28) But A·grip'pa said to Paul: “In a short time you would persuade me to become a Christian.”

(Luke 21:1-4) Now as he looked up, he saw the rich dropping their gifts into the treasury chests. 2 Then he saw a needy widow drop in two small coins of very little value, 3 and he said: “Truly I say to you that this poor widow put in more than they all did. 4 For all of these put in gifts out of their surplus, but she, out of her want, put in all the means of living she had.”

Paragraph 6

(Hebrews 10:24, 25) And let us consider one another so as to incite to love and fine works, 25 not forsaking our meeting together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you see the day drawing near.

(1 Thessalonians 2:2) For although we had first suffered and been insolently treated in Phi-lip'pi, as you know, we mustered up boldness by means of our God to tell you the good news of God in the face of much opposition.

(Romans 1:11, 12) For I am longing to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to you for you to be made firm; 12 or, rather, that we may have an interchange of encouragement by one another's faith, both yours and mine.

Paragraph 7

(Isaiah 48:17) This is what Jehovah says, your Repurchaser, the Holy One of Israel: “I, Jehovah, am your God, The One teaching you to benefit yourself, The One guiding you in the way you should walk.

Paragraph 8

(Malachi 3:16) At that time those who fear Jehovah spoke with one another, each one with his companion, and Jehovah kept paying attention and listening. And a book of remembrance was written before him for those fearing Jehovah and for those meditating on his name.

(Malachi 3:10) Bring the entire tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house; and test me out, please, in this regard,” Jehovah of armies says, “to see whether I will not open to you the floodgates of the heavens and pour out on you a blessing until there is nothing lacking.”

Paragraph 10

(Psalm 138:6) Though Jehovah is high, he takes note of the humble, But the haughty he knows only from a distance.

(Philippians 2:3) Do nothing out of contentiousness or out of egotism, but with humility consider others superior to you,

(1 Thessalonians 5:11) Therefore, keep encouraging one another and building one another up, just as you are in fact doing.

Paragraph 11

(James 3:2) For we all stumble many times. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able to bridle also his whole body.

(Psalm 103:12-14) As far off as the sunrise is from the sunset, So far off from us he has put our transgressions. 13 As a father shows mercy to his sons, Jehovah has shown mercy to those who fear him. 14 For he well knows how we are formed, Remembering that we are dust.

(Mark 10:29, 30) Jesus said: “Truly I say to you, no one has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news 30 who will not get 100 times more now in this period of time—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the coming system of things, everlasting life.

(John 13:35) By this all will know that you are my disciples—if you have love among yourselves.”

Paragraph 12

(Nehemiah 1:1-4) The words of Ne-he-mi'ah the son of Hac-a-li'ah: Now in the month of Chis'lev, in the 20th year, I was in Shu'shan the citadel. 2 At that time Ha-na'ni, one of my brothers, arrived with other men from Judah, and I asked them about the remaining Jews who had escaped the captivity, and also about Jerusalem.

3 They replied: "Those remaining there in the province who have survived the captivity are in a terrible situation and in disgrace. The walls of Jerusalem are broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." 4 As soon as I heard these words, I sat down and began to weep and mourn for days, and I kept fasting and praying before the God of the heavens.

(Nehemiah 2:1-8) In the month of Ni'san, in the 20th year of King Ar·ta·xerx'es, wine was set before him, and as usual I took up the wine and gave it to the king. But I had never been gloomy in his presence. 2 So the king said to me: "Why do you look so gloomy when you are not sick? This can be nothing but gloominess of heart." At this I became very frightened. 3 Then I said to the king: "Long live the king! Why should I not look gloomy when the city, the place where my forefathers are buried, lies in ruins, and its gates have been consumed by fire?" 4 The king then said to me: "What is it that you are seeking?" At once I prayed to the God of the heavens. 5 I then said to the king: "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor with you, send me to Judah, to the city where my forefathers are buried, so that I may rebuild it." 6 Then the king, with his royal consort sitting beside him, said to me: "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a set time. 7 Then I said to the king: "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the region Beyond the River, granting me safe passage until I reach Judah, 8 as well as a letter to A'saph the keeper of the Royal Park, so that he may give me timber for beams for the gates of the Fortress of the House and for the walls of the city and for the house where I will go." So the king gave them to me, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

(Jonah 1:1-3) The word of Jehovah came to Jo'nah the son of A·mit'tai, saying: 2 "Get up, go to Nin'e·veh the great city, and proclaim judgment against her, for their wickedness has come to my attention." 3 But Jo'nah got up to run away from Jehovah to Tar'shish; he went down

to Jop'pa and found a ship going to Tar'shish. So he paid the fare and went aboard to go with them to Tar'shish, away from Jehovah.

(Jonah 3:5-10) And the men of Nin'e·veh put faith in God, and they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. 6 When the message reached the king of Nin'e·veh, he rose up from his throne and took off his royal garment and covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the ashes. 7 Furthermore, he issued a proclamation throughout Nin'e·veh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No man or beast, herd or flock, should eat anything at all. They should not take food, nor should they drink any water. 8 Let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast; and let them call out earnestly to God and turn from their evil ways and from the violence they practice. 9 Who knows whether the true God may reconsider what he intends to do and turn from his burning anger, so that we may not perish?" 10 When the true God saw what they did, how they had turned back from their evil ways, he reconsidered the calamity that he said he would bring on them, and he did not bring it.

Paragraph 14

(Proverbs 21:5) The plans of the diligent surely lead to success, But all who are hasty surely head for poverty.

Paragraph 15

(Luke 11:13) Therefore, if you, although being wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more so will the Father in heaven give holy spirit to those asking him!"

(1 John 5:14) And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that no matter what we ask according to his will, he hears us.

(2 Corinthians 9:6) But as to this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Paragraph 18

(Proverbs 10:19) When words are many, transgression cannot be avoided, But whoever controls his lips acts discreetly.

(Proverbs 15:23) A man rejoices in giving the right answer, And a word spoken at the right time—how good it is!

Paragraph 20

(Psalm 23:5) You prepare a table for me before my enemies. You refresh my head with oil; My cup is well-filled.

(Matthew 24:45) “Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at the proper time?”