

*“Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name.” Hebrews 13:15*

It is natural for the children of God to want to praise him. He is, after all, our Father. And a benevolent one, at that! He is constantly in our thoughts. Our desire it to please him, and to know him better.

There is so much for which we can praise him:

His very nature:

*“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy” James 5:11b*

His caretaking of us:

*“For I am the Lord, your God,  
Who takes hold of your right hand  
And says to you, Do not fear;  
I will help you.” Isaiah 41:13*

His promise for the future:

*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Cor 2:9*

*“I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” John 8:51*

His pure and holy nature:

*“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!” Rev 19:6*

And yet, we don't draw near to him exclusively in a corporate “praise and worship” time of singing in our congregations. Elijah didn't hear God in the powerful wind which shattered the rocks, the earthquake which shook the firmament, or the fire which consumed it; he found God in a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:11-13). That's where we can find God, too.