

# The Weekly Jog

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**“The New Plymouth Church Family Experiencing and Sharing the Transforming Power of Jesus.”**

## “Praise The Lord”

*“I will praise Thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee. I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy loving kindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name” (Psalms 138:1, 2).*

These words of David are worthy of special consideration when we think about the worship we give to our God.

David praised God with his whole heart. In reality, there is no other way to praise Him. Because our God is a spirit, He demands that our spirits be involved in worship (John 4:24). The songs that we sing may come from our lips, but the melody must come from the heart (Eph. 5:19). The only way we can find Him is to seek Him with all of our hearts (Jer. 29:13).

David praised the Lord before all others. His worship of Him was not secret, but open. Paul and Silas sang and praised God in prison at midnight and the prisoners heard them (Acts 16:25). The Bible says that Paul, just before the shipwreck on the way to Rome, took bread and gave thanks before all those on board. We must not be ashamed to worship Him.

David's praise of God involved the temple. Though the ornate temple of Solomon had not yet been built, David still saw the tabernacle as a place of beauty. While he daily worshiped God privately, he knew the blessing of seeking God in His temple. We should remember that His temple today is the church.

David praised God because of His nature---His loving kindness and His truth. His worship did not come from a heart that felt he just had to worship God because He commanded it. The very nature of our God demands that we worship Him.

David praised God because God had exalted His word. In an age when some mock the Bible, when others talk about how boring Bible study is, David saw the honor God had given it. Christians today should learn this vital lesson. ( Dan Jenkins)

## Friends Day is on this Sunday, 7th December.

This will be the last one for the year so let's make it a great one. Invite a friend to worship and the luncheon. Invites in the Foyer

## Ladies, 15th December is the “ladies end of year function.”

*Great news and rejoicing over baptism of Andrew Simons into Christ this past Saturday morning. Andrew, God bless you on your new life journey.*

### Psalms Journal:

#### Psalms.58.

- 1- The day of retribution is sure. David complained much about the prevalence of wickedness. And he repeated over and over that evil does not pay in the long run. It is still so.
- 2- There are three main sections.
  - a. Injustice, vv1-5.
  - b. Depiction of Justice, vv 9-9.
  - c. Declaration of praise, vv 10-11.

#### Psalms.59.

- 1- This is another about deliverance but more from being delivered by those from within your circle.
- 2- But David places His trust in God.

#### Psalms.60.

- 1- This is the other side of the coin. Protection from enemies without. One writer calls it a psalm of discouragement.
- 2- Actually David seems to be complaining that God has cut off his people but verse 6 says “God has sworn...”

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*Kid's END*  
*OF YEAR*  
*PARTY*



*Saturday - 11 am.*  
*20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER*

*All Welcome*

*Enquires: Deidre Perry*