

## **BARRIERS TO TRUE PRAISE**

### **Key scripture: Psalm 150:6**

Praise is a commandment from God and no excuses is valid for not praising God. It is vitally important to live in an attitude of praise toward God. Praise is both important and powerful so we cannot afford not to praise Him continually and effectively.

The inability to enter into praise and worship is a sign that there is a substantial problem between God and us. The first thing to do is to identify the problem or problems (if more than one) and then deal with them properly. The same barriers that prevent us from praising God, may slow progress in our relationship with Him, stop that our prayers are answered or prevent us from being healed. So we have to deal with these barriers.

### **Discussion Points**

**(1) What are the barriers to praise? Isaiah 59:2, Psalm 32:1-11, Rev 2:4, 2 Cor 10:12-18, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

**(2) How do we get rid of these barriers? Psalm 51:1-3, Psalm 51:17, 1 John 1:9, Phil 4:8, 1 Pet 5:7**

**(3) Is it hypocritical to praise God when you don't feel like it? Psalm 42:5, Job 13:15**

**(4) What helps us maintain continuous praise? Psalm 35:18, 22:22, Heb 2:12**