

Matthew 2:2 NLT

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

## Lifting my hands acknowledges that God is greater!

Psalm 63:1-4 HCSB

God, You are my God; I eagerly seek You. I thirst for You; my body faints for You in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water. So I gaze on You in the sanctuary to see Your strength and Your glory.

My lips will glorify You because Your faithful love is better than life.

So I will praise You as long as I live; at Your name, I will lift up my hands.

Raised hands symbolize two things:

- Surrender
- Victory

### I need to raise my hands in Surrender!

1 Timothy 2:8 NLT

In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

Psalm 141:1-2 NIV

I call to you, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

### I need to raise my hands in Victory!

Exodus 17:10-13 NIV

So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.