

The Power of Praise!

Praise is a response that we should have to God when He reveals Himself to us. Therefore, praise can occur at the point of revelation rather than at the actual time of the manifestation of the promise. As we praise God in advance when He speaks to us or gives us faith to believe Him for a manifestation of something we desire, He enthrones Himself or makes Himself King over that situation in our life. *Praise* comes from a Latin word meaning “value” or “price.” Thus, to give praise to God is to proclaim His merit or worth. Many terms are used to express this in the Bible, including “glory,” “blessing,” “thanksgiving,” and “hallelujah”. The Hebrew title of the book of Psalms (“Praises”) comes from the same root as “hallelujah,” and Psalms 113-118 have been specially designated the “Hallel” (“praise”) psalms.

The modes of praise are many, including the offering of sacrifices (Lev. 7:13), physical movement (2 Sam. 6:14), silence and meditation (Ps. 77:11-12), testimony (Ps. 66:16), prayer (Phil. 4:6), and a holy life (1 Pet. 1:3-9). Praise is many times linked to music, both instrumental (Ps. 150:3-5) and vocal. Praise is to originate in the heart and not become mere outward show (Matt. 15:8). The Bible displays outbursts of praise! God takes pleasure and delight in His works and expects us to express our joy in what He does. The coming of the kingdom of God into the midst of this world is marked by the restoration of joy and praise to the people of God (Is. 9:2; Ps. 96:11-13; Rev. 5:9-14; Lk. 2:13-14). Praise arises from sheer joy in the redeeming presence of God (Dt. 27:7; Nu. 10:10; Lv. 23:40). The praise of God is rendered on earth for the works of creation and redemption (Ps. 24; 136). Praise is an echo on earth of the praise of heaven (Rev. 4:11; 5:9-10). Praise distinguishes the people of God from the heathen who refuse to render it (1 Pet. 2:9; Eph. 1:3-14; Phil. 1:11, Rom. 1:21). The act of praising implies the closest fellowship with the One who is being praised.

7 Days of Praise!

- **DAY 1:** Read Psalm 130; Rev. 2:10. *Praise God for removing your past and extending abundant grace and forgiveness to you. Stand in His Presence and receive an outpouring of His grace. Let Hope arise new and fresh. Let assurance of redemption rest upon you, and command all fear to leave you.*

- **DAY 2:** Read Psalms 131 – 134. *Praise God and let perfect peace manifest in you. Stop striving and leaning on your own understanding concerning your circumstances and allow trust to arise. Embrace the faithful love of God. As a weaned child rests against his mother's breast, declare your soul is a weaned child within you. A weaned child has come to a new place of maturity. There is no peace until all our enemies are under our feet. Ascend above your enemies and reach the goal of the throne room. Sing, praise, and worship in the presence of the LORD. Receive a new anointing, like the oil poured on Aaron's head and flowing down the hem of his robe.*
- **DAY 3:** Read Joshua 5 & 6. *Praise God! Ask the Lord for the strategy of worship that will dethrone that which is invincible in your life and stopping you from moving forward in your promise.*
- **DAY 4:** Read Psalm 34. *Praise God for the angels that are encamping around you. Also read Psalm 85. Praise God for restoring favor to your land.*
- **DAY 5:** Read Philippians 4. *Thank God for establishing your mind on Him and making you think His thoughts. Realign your thoughts. Declare that you will capture each thought you have contrary to God's judgment.*
- **DAY 6:** Read Acts 16:16-34. *Praise God and watch your prison doors let go. Watch salvation come to those around you who are imprisoned.*
- **DAY 7:** Read Isaiah 12. Numbers 21:10-18. *Praise breaks open your wells of salvation. Praise is the cure for dryness. Praise and receive a renewed spirit!*