

THE POWER OF MY PRAISE

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THE CRY OF VICTORY

Philippians 4:4-9

NO MATTER WHAT IS IN YOUR LIFE THAT MAKES YOU ANXIOUS, THAT WHICH TRIES TO STEAL YOUR PEACE. NO MATTER WHAT SITUATION YOU ARE IN, NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL, NO MATTER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, SOUNDS LIKE, OR EVEN SMELLS LIKE...

IF THERE IS ANYTHING WORTHY OF PRAISE, THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

THE WORD PRAISE IN GREEK: 1868. epainos: ἔπαινος THE NOUN, DERIVED FROM THE VERB: epaineō, meaning "to praise" or "to commend." refers to the act of expressing approval or admiration, often directed towards God or individuals for their virtues or deeds.

PRAISE MEANS TO GIVE ADORATION AND EXPRESS, PROMOTE, AND DECLARE; IT IS:

WORSHIP EXPRESSED.

TRUTH: PRAISE CANNOT BE DONE SILENTLY BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING TO BE DONE PUBLICALLY.

“PRAISE IS THE VISIBLE AND VOCAL EXPRESSION OF THE VALUE OF GOD, FOR WHO HE IS, FOR WHAT HE HAS ALREADY DONE, AND WHAT WE ARE EXPECTING HIM TO DO.” -Dr. Tony Evans

TRUTH: PRAISE IS A VITAL, NECESSARY, AND IMPORTANT PART OF LIVING LIFE AS A BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER OF JESUS CHRIST.

MY QUESTION IS: DO YOU?

Psalm 106:1

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PRAISE FROM THE WORD:

OBSERVATION ONE: YOU WERE CREATED TO PRAISE THE LORD.

-ISAIAH 43:18-21 (God speaking)

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ **the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.**

GOD FORMED (CREATED) PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF TO DECLARE HIS PRAISE.

-PSALM 113:1-3

SERVANTS (WORD MEANS TO WORK FOR) OF THE LORD SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOREVER.

-Psalm 150:6

OBSERVATION TWO: SPIRIT-FILLED PEOPLE WANT TO PRAISE HIM.

-EPHESIANS 5:18-21

-ACTS 2:1-8; 11B-21

OBSERVATION THREE: THE MORE YOU PRAISE GOD, THE MORE OF HIM YOU WILL ENCOUNTER, FOR HE RESPONDS TO THE PRAISE OF HIS PEOPLE.

-PSALM 22:3

OTHER VERSIONS SAY: ***YOU ARE HOLY, DWELLING IN THE PRAISES OF ISRAEL.***

I.O.W. GOD INHABITS THE PRAISES OF HIS PEOPLE!

-PSALM 100:1-5

OBSERVATION FOUR: WE HAVE A REASON TO PRAISE. IN THE CONTEXT OF SACRIFICING FOR THE LORD:

-HEBREWS 13:15

TRUTH: SEE, WHEN WE PRAISE, WE SACRIFICE A SMALL PART OF OURSELVES; WE GIVE SOMETHING TO GOD THAT HE CANNOT GIVE TO HIMSELF.

🔑 **KEY #1:** PRAISE, WHICH IS AN OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP, CHANGES THINGS BECAUSE IT TAKES THE FOCUS OF YOURSELF, YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THIS WORLD AND PLACES IT ON GOD... AND WE HAVE THAT ABILITY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

🔑 **KEY #2:** You fight differently when you fight not for a win but FROM a win. You fight differently when you have a purpose, unity, and a rallying cry of victory. That is what praise is.