

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND GOD'S ANOINTING

PART 12: PRAISING THE EVERLASTING KING

Psalms 50:1-6, 23; Psalm 54:1-7; Psalm 56:1-13; Psalm 57:1-11

Psalm 57:7-11 It is impossible to truly praise the Lord when your mind is fixed on problems. When God is truly exalted through praise, He and all He is becomes exalted above the problems.

Psalm 63:1-5 Hands cannot be lifted unless all else has been released. 1 Peter 5:7

Isaiah 61:1-3, 11 & Isaiah 43:18-22 & 1 Peter 2:9-10

Praise is a verbal self-reminder of all God is, who we are, what we have, etc. It reinforces to strengthen our belief. God tells us to praise He knows praise takes us to a place of knowing, trusting and believing Him.

True worshipers don't wait for exhortation and teaching about praise before you praise, they live for praise.

Genesis 49:1, 8-12 Jacob's dying prophecy over Judah.

- * Verse 8 *Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise...thy father's children shall bow down before thee.*
 - 2 John 1:3 Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.
 - Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- * Verse 8 *...thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies...*
 - Colossians 2:15 *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
- * Verse 9 *Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?*
 - Revelation 5:5 Jesus is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.
- * Verse 10 *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet...*
 - Psalm 45:6 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.
 - Revelation 11:15 *And* the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
- * Verse 10 *...until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*
 - Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.
 - Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WORSHIP AND SATAN'S ATTACKS
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I would have you know that every attack of the enemy is well thought out and well planned. His kingdom is not hap-hazard. But everything that he does is meticulously planned. Every attack of every devil has been planned out and the anticipation is that these attacks are going to cause you to turn away from Me.

You see, these attacks are leveled at your decision-making process. Ultimately it is to destroy you. But through sickness, disease, financial hardship, family problems, every area in which he attacks, it is all after your decision-making process because he wants to attack you in a way that will cause you to logically come up with what you believe is the correct solution.

He wants to lead you into making decisions that you think are the right decisions to make. As he clouds your judgment, when you give in to these attacks, you will make wrong decisions. Many of you have made decisions and then later wondered, "Why did I do that? How could I have made such a stupid decision? Why did I make that choice?" It is because an attack was launched at you and this attack was aimed at your decision-making process, to impact your emotions so that you would make the wrong decision.

What you have done this day, this worship which you have offered up unto Me, you need to understand and please accept this – that the worship you offer to Me helps to clear the clouding of your judgment. When you worship Me it creates an atmosphere of My presence. I will be able to help you understand what decisions to make in every situation.

You do not have to respond in the flesh. You do not have to respond in a way that the enemy would like you to respond. As you make worship a lifestyle you will walk in greater wisdom and clarity of thought so that the decisions that you make will be decisions that line up with My will for your life.

So I say to you this day, your enemy has sought out and planned out every attack that has ever been launched against you and every attack that will ever be launched against you. Nothing is by accident. But I also say to you, if you want to get past these attacks, it is so critical that you worship Me and make worship a part of your lifestyle. That way you will continually have My presence to help you in your decision-making process. So learn to worship Me and learn how not to give in to these attacks of the enemy and learn how to make decisions that will always honor Me and keep you in My will.

WORSHIP OUT OF YOUR SPIRIT
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In the natural your bodies may become weary and in the natural your minds may become distracted. You begin to lose focus during times of worship unto Me. But I want you to know that your spirit does not become weary in worshipping Me. There is a strength in your spirit that can rise up and overpower those emotions and those feelings that would have you think, "I wish this were over. I think it's time that we stop."

You see, when you are in My presence for all eternity there is nothing that is going to hinder your worship. The fullness of My glory is going to be revealed unto you – revealed in a way that you have never known and never seen. When you are in My presence forever and ever, the power of My life in you is going to produce a level of praise and worship that you have never experienced during this life.

But I say unto that you can experience incredible depths of worship and praise even now. You don't have to wait until you are in My presence literally. You can do it now as you allow the strength that is in your spirit [to] rise up and dominate the emotions that would want to speak otherwise. I say unto you, the more that you allow this strength coming out your spirit to dominate your life, you can experience extended times of praise and worship even when you are all by yourself.

In My Word I have said that I, God, am a spirit and that I seek those who will worship Me in spirit and in truth. This means that your worship must go beyond your flesh and go beyond your feelings and your emotions. [This means] that your worship must be birthed out of your spirit and that the strength of My life in you must rise up and dominate all of your flesh, all those feelings, all those things that want to say I am tired, I don't want to do this anymore.

For you see, your spirit rejoices in My presence. Your emotions may not, but your spirit rejoices in My presence. When you worship Me in spirit and in truth you are having fellowship with the one who has given you this eternal life. So learn to worship Me out of your spirit as opposed to worshipping Me out of your flesh and out of your emotions. When you do you are going to have continued ongoing glorious experiences with Me in your worship.

WORSHIP FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL **AUGUST 24, 2008**

There are so many in My church that are crying out for a spiritual refreshing. So many in My church are struggling [with] the pressures of their jobs, their homes, of life in general. Many of those who are struggling are those who stand behind the pulpit and preach and minister and share My Word. Because of this, many things that you call Christian retreats have been developed to help those who are approaching burnout or who have gone through burnout.

But I say unto you, you never have to leave where you are to be refreshed in your spirit. You see, when you worship Me there are cleansing rivers that are released. These are rivers of refreshing, for even I said in My Word that out of your belly would flow rivers of living water. The waters that flow from your belly are living waters which means that they do not carry the death of depression and stress and worry. But they are cleansing and they are refreshing.

I sit on My throne and look down at My church and I see so many of My children going through times of distress when they don't have to do this. If you learn to worship Me you can worship your way out of every stressful situation. The situation may be the same, but the stress will be gone. It will be washed away by the rivers of living water. In My Word I have prophesied about cleansing waters and I have prophesied about the work that I will do on the inside of you.

You see, My servant Paul understood this. He knew what it was like to experience refreshing through worship, otherwise he could never have been imprisoned and worshiped Me the way he did. I say to you this day, there is no reason for any Christian to experience stress, depression or to carry the burden of the problems of life in such a way to where they feel weighed down.

I say to you that if you will worship Me, rivers of living water will refresh your soul, will refresh your spirit, will strengthen you, will revive you and will help you rise above those things that you think are holding you back, that you think are holding you down and keeping you from making progress. But I say to you, you have not yet learned to worship Me the way that you should. For when you have learned to worship Me the way that you should and you are worshipping Me in this way, stress will never dominate you. Distress will never control your life. Depression will never blanket you with discouragement.

So I say to you this day, heed My Words. Your times of refreshing are on your lips. Your times of refreshing are released as you worship Me. Your times of spiritual renewal take place when you choose to begin to worship Me. These words that I am sharing with you this day, do not forget them. For in the future if you experience times of depression and stress as you have in the past, then I say you have forgotten My Words and you will have laid them down and tried to solve your problems on your own.

This world has developed different types of professions, what you call counseling, psychiatry and psychology to try to deal with the problems that people encounter, to try to help people cope with their situations. Many of My church go to these counselors, go to these psychiatrist and go to the psychologist and even take the drugs that are prescribed for them. But I say unto you, My Word has the answer and worship is the refreshing that you need. Worship brings the restoration that you need. So you have a choice. You can do this the way the world offers or you can do it the way My Word offers. I tell you My [Word] never fails.

So when I say unto you that worship is the refreshing and the renewal that you seek, then worship Me. Enter in to that place of praise and worship where you pour out your heart and the stress will dissipate as the early morning fog dissipates when the sun rises over the horizon. Again I say to you, deal with the stress, deal with the emotions, deal with the pressure, deal with the depression – deal with it all through worship. Enter into worship with the same intensity that you feel the problems are trying to hold you back and you will break free, you will have the renewal. You'll have the refreshing and you will walk with a spring in your step and joy in your heart because of what I am doing in your life.