

The Power Of P.R.A.I.S.E.

Ps. 71:14 - But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

Psalm 150:1-6

1. Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
2. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
3. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
4. praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,
5. praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.
6. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

v1 Praise Him if you're here, praise Him if you're there.

v2 Praise Him if He's done this for you, praise Him if He's done that for you.

v3-5 Praise Him if you can play any kind of instrument, praise Him if you can just crash a cymbal.

v6 FINALLY - if you don't fall into any of the above categories, I know you fit into this last one!

IF YOU'RE BREATHING WILL YOU GIVE HIM SOME PRAISE THIS MORNING?!

In the New Testament the words praise, worship, glory, and honor are ALL translated from the same one Greek word!

Doxa" = base meaning is GLORY.

Worship has to do with ESTIMATION of who God is.

Praise has to do with ARTICULATION of who God is.

1. PROHIBITS enemy access to our soul!

ISAIAH 61:3 - and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and

a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

2. RELEASES the captive!

Acts 16:25-26 - About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

Declaring of thanks (Heb. 13:15)

Clapping hands and shouting (Psalms 47:1)

Musical instruments and dancing (Ps. 150:4)

Singing praise songs (Psalms 9:11)

Psalms, hymns, & spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19-20)

Making a joyful noise (Psalms 98:4)

By lifting our hands (Psalms 134:2)

By being still (Psalms 4:3-5, 46:10)

By being loud (Psalms 33:3, 95:1-6)

1 Peter 2:10 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

3. ASSURES victory over circumstances!

READ: 2 CHRON. 20:15-22

15. He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: `Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.

16. Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel.

17. You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you."

18. Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD.

19. Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with very loud voice.

20. Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."

21. After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."

22. As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Psalm 149:6-9.

6. May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,

7. to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

8. to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,

9. to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints. Praise the LORD.

4. INVITES God's manifest presence!

2 CHRON. 5:13-14 -The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.

PSALM 22:3 - "God dwells in the praises of His people."

5. SECURES blessings instead of curses!

It's too easy to complain when things aren't going our way!

Ps. 103:1-8

1. Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--

3. who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

4. who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

5. who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.
7. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:
8. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

6. ELEVATES God to His rightful place in our hearts!

Ps. 100:1-5

1. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
2. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
3. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his ; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
5. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 146:1-2

1. Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
2. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

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