

A person is seen from behind, standing in a field of tall grass and bushes. Their arms are raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The scene is set against a bright, golden sunset sky with the sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is one of awe and spiritual uplift.

UNDERSTANDING
PRAISE

A BIBLE study on
'WHY WE PRAISE GOD'

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WHY PRAISE GOD?

We serve an Almighty God. When we praise God for His power, His power does not increase. Instead, His power is released into our life.

We serve an all-knowing God, perfect in wisdom; when we praise God for His Wisdom, His wisdom does not increase. Instead His wisdom is poured into our life.

Praising God for His power and qualities releases all of God's potential and qualities into our life

Praising God releases God's power into our life and circumstances.

Praise is the spiritual mechanism that releases the attributes, the potential and the power of God into our circumstances. Praise is a powerful weapon in the hands of a believer - when used rightly, when practiced with vision and with revelation from the scriptures, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Praise is the only factor that releases the power of God.

Praise is the act that releases God's power.

WHY DO WE PRAISE GOD?

Does God need our Praise?

What happens when we praise God? What happens to GOD? What happens to us?

*For God is the King of all the earth: sing praises with understanding
Psalms 47:7*

The Psalmist highlights the need to be educated about 'praise'.

We need to UNDERSTAND the function and the patterns of Praise to maximize the results of Praise. Praising God becomes more effective, fruitful and functional with the revelation of its purpose.

1. God's Mighty Acts are Initiated at Praise:

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Psalms 150:2

Praising God is THE TRIGGER that releases His mighty acts into our life and circumstances.

Paul and Silas were in the prison. **Acts 16:23 - 26.**

They could rather rest after all the turbulence. They could remain confused all the while; silently wonder why all this had happened in spite of their fervor for the lord. They had an option to analyze the situation. Instead they decided to praise the Lord. They had the spiritual insight to initiate the works of God. Mighty works were initiated as they sang praises. The spiritual power manifested tangibly. There was an earthquake. The foundations of the prison were shaken. Immediately all the doors were opened. The Bible says that everyone in bondage in the prison heard them pray and sing and every one's bands were loosed when Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises.

Our praise has the power to impact our life, open closed doors. Our praises also has the possibility to impact not only our circumstances, but also the lives of others near and dear to us, for whom we pray.

JOSHUA and the Israelites went against Jericho city.

Joshua chapter 6. They walked around the city in obedience exactly as they were commanded. Then the priests blew with the trumpets. When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, they shouted with a great shout.

The wall fell down flat.

The people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. The towering formidable walls that stood before them came down when the people shouted and praises went up.

Mighty works are initiated in praise. We praise Him for His mighty acts; that it be initiated into our life and circumstances.

2. God's Powerful & Fearful Works are Released into our Circumstances at Praise:

Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Exodus 15:11

David tried to carry the ark of God into the city.

I Chronicles 13:7 - 10. There were many mistakes.

There was no clear instruction on who could not touch the ark. The ark was to be carried on the priest's shoulders, not on a cart.

In spite of their carelessness, in spite of the mistake of being placed on a cart, it was a smooth beginning.

Then David and all Israel started praising God. They played before God with all their might, with singing, with harps, with psalteries, with timbrels, with cymbals, and with trumpets. Somewhere along the line the oxen stumbled. Uzza put forth his hand with good intension to protect the ark from falling down. The anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza. He died.

When the ark of God was placed on the new cart, the power of God did not break out. But the high praises of the king and the people activated the temporarily inactive, dormant power factor.

The fearful work of God killed Uzza.

God is fearful in praises!

The power factor of God's working is dynamic. The way we pray or praise can change the way the works of God are manifest. When high praises start, the works and manifestation of God as an answer to our prayers starts to be powerful and fearful.

Strong activities start in the spiritual realm.

God's mighty and powerful works are released through praises.

3. Spiritual Warfare is Initiated at Praise:

And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. 2 Chronicles 20:22

King Jehoshaphat faced a colossal challenge.

2 Chronicles 20:14 – 22.

A great multitude came against the people of God. The man of God said, “the battle is not yours, but God's. You do not need to fight in this battle: stand still. See the salvation of the Lord, fear not, nor be dismayed; for the Lord will be with you”.

There were appointed singers that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endures forever. When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the enemy. The enemy was defeated.

God has appointed the natural order on earth. God loves the order set by him because he saw that it was good. But sometimes we have to step into the supernatural. When the work entrusted to us is impossible by human strength, he says, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit”.

When the obstacles that come in our way cannot be tackled by human wisdom, understanding and strength, trust in God. Start to praise Him. Then the supernatural works that transcend human abilities begins. Start to praise God for the battles that we need to win before the battle.

As you Praise the Lord, He will send his angels to give you victory in your circumstances.

4. There is Great Security in Praise:

*In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever.
Psalms 44:8*

King David through the many wilderness experiences gained a heart of wisdom and expressed it through his many writings. Many cannot fathom the depth of his experiences that transcends understanding. David went through the heat of the furnace.

Pride comes in finding security. Finding security in wealth makes a person boast in wealth.

Finding emotional, physical or any kind of security makes us boast in it.

King David found all his security in praises.

Praise is a spiritual activity that provides security that transcends human comprehension. If we learn this dynamics of praise, the need for security in all area of life will be provided supernaturally.

There is great security as we praise God.

5. Praise can Attract and Usher God's Presence:

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; 2 Chronicles 5:13

King Solomon was dedicating the temple.
2 Chronicles 5:1 – 14.

All the work that Solomon made for the house of the Lord was finished. Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated. He put the silver, the gold, and all the instruments among the treasures of the house of God. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David. During the dedication service, the trumpeters and singers were heard in praising and thanking the Lord. They lifted up their voice with the trumpets, cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord. They said, "For he is good; his mercy endures for ever". Then the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud. The priests could not stand to minister. The glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

The tangible and visible presence of God can be attracted and ushered in through the glorious praise of the Church, especially in a large congregation.

6. God Inhabits / Dwells on the Praises of His People:

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabits the praises of Israel. Psalms 22:3

Ushering in or attracting God's presence is not sufficient. Many people experience the visitations of God in powerful prayer sessions, in times of praise and worship.

But the scriptures promise the habitation of God with those whose life is transformed into a constant praise and worship unto God. This is beyond the visitations of God.

Our deliberate praises help us prepare our life, so that our body is spiritually groomed as the temple of God where the presence of God dwells richly. It is possible to come to that place in life where all our activities, every thread in the fabric of our life becomes praise unto our God – both consciously and unconsciously.

7. To Glorify God

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: Psalms 50:23

There are many ways to glorify God in our lives. It is the heart of God that His name be glorified through us. The Bible teaches that praise is an integral part of worship on earth and in heaven through eternity to glorify God.

8. His Goodness is Poured into our Lives in Praise:

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalms 107:8

God is the giver of all good gifts. He has many good gifts in store for us. Many have also received good promises from God. Yet many blessings do not reach us. One gateway to receiving the goodness of God is to praise Him for His goodness. That will reveal & release His wonderful works.

Praise opens the gates in the spiritual realms. Blessings and wonderful works are poured out into the lives of such praising people.

Praise is the key factor that imparts the attributes of God into our life.

So Praise Him for His power, for His wisdom, for His holiness, for his strength and for His Mercy, Grace and for all that He is.

9. For it is Good:

*I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD;
for it is good. Psalms 54:6*

The Scriptures exhort us to praise Him. It is the counsel of the word that it is good to praise Him! The Scriptures exhort us to praise Him so that all the good and powerful potential and qualities of God will be released into us even as we praise Him.

If praising God has any function, then it is for our benefit than for the benefit of the creator.

We also understand that

God is not Desperate for Praise:

God is omnipotent. He gives strength and power to all the creation. He sustains all the creation. Praise is not essential for God - to survive or for His entertainment.

God is not egoistic, happier when someone praises Him and less happy when someone doesn't tell Him how great He is.

God will definitely be pleased in praises for Him. God blesses and establishes them that praise Him.

Praise does not change God:

For I am the LORD I change not. Malachi 3:6

God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. God never changes. Our actions or responses cannot change Him. Our praising Him will not help Him grow big or more powerful. Praise does not change the attributes of God.

Can the creation fathom how big the creator is? Does God want someone to tell him how great he is? Does God feel low when someone does not Praise him and give him the glory due to Him?

Praise does not do God a favor.

SO WHY DO WE PRAISE GOD?

PRAISE IS THE KEY TO VICTORY

Praise is to get connected to the source of power.

Long ago, while ministering in a slum area, I noticed that the people lived in poverty living in small houses. There was a high powered electric line that ran above the houses. But the houses beneath these electric lines had no electricity; not even for basic needs! No electricity in their homes just because there was no connection to the source of electric power.

Reminded me of the people of God, who have God as their all-sufficient resource, but not knowing how to connect to their source of divine provisions.

Praise plugs you into the potentials of God. Praise connects into the supernatural divine power source. It initiates the works of God.

Do not wait for the victory to happen so that you can praise God for the victory that is won. PRAISE is the activity prior to the battle, much before the victory. Of course, we THANK God after the victory is won!

Praise God for the healing before the healing comes.
Thank God for the healing after the healing is manifest.

So sing with gladness... praise... and pray that the prayers may be answered. Praise has an intense spiritual aspect of faith embedded in it, praise sees as though the request has already been granted. Faith transcends the time factor. Hence praising God for something that we have already received is perfectly fine.

Praising God brings results.

Praise releases the power to enforce God's plan and will in our lives.

PRAISE GOD FOR GOD'S WILL TO BE INITIATED AND REVEALED IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE: Personal time of praise is a powerful gateway for the absolute plans and purposes of God to be revealed and established.

Cultivate a lifestyle of praising God to release God's power and qualities into our life and circumstances.
Praise God and live a supernatural victorious life!

Further study on 'PRAISING GOD' by
Rev. Abraham Varghese also covers

What is Praise
How to Praise (Different Patterns of Praise)
Praise Patterns and its Result

Difference between
Praise and Worship
Praise and Thanksgiving

And more



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