

The Mighty Weapon of Praise

Ps 9:1-3

I will praise thee, O Lord with my whole heart, I will show forth all thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

We must understand that praise will silence the enemy, and give us strength and deliver us from the hands of our enemies. Praise is an effective weapon. We can fight the enemy and even our own negative feelings with praise. It also creates an atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to work and move and for God to answer our prayers.

Anything of the enemy that is affecting the atmosphere simply cannot remain when authentic praise fills the residing place by using our bodies to passionately and wholeheartedly declare and celebrate the character and promises of God, we begin to lift up the kingdom of God to establish a fresh new atmosphere full of possibilities and expectations. This defeats whatever the enemy tries to bring against us and whatever situation we are encountering.

Teaching Point: God finds our authentic praise irresistible and responds with His Presence!!!

Praise is a weapon that is contrary to any other kind of weapon- It is both an offensive and defensive weapon. God has equipped us with different kinds of spiritual weapons to use. They are stronger and more powerful than any weapon that this world has to offer which we might need to do battle.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds (2 Cor 10:4)

Praise is a mighty weapon and the enemy is afraid of it because he realize that it is a powerful weapon against him. That's why he wants us to focus on the things that is happening around us and against us so that we will not tap into praising our God.

Teaching Point: The devil knows what his kryptonite is and as long as he can keep us from using that which will destroy him which is praise the more effective he will become in our lives.

Now is the time that we use our weapon of praise continually not just when things seems a little bleak or things are not working out for our good. Praise must be a valuable and a genuine weapon that a believer must engage in at all times.

Hebrews 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

Judges 1:1-2 GNB After Joshua's death the people of Israel asked the Lord, Which of our tribes should be the first to go and attack the Canaanites? The Lord answered, The tribe of Judah will go first. I am giving them control of the land.

Sending Judah first was God's way and His plan to bring them victory. Judah wasn't the wisest or the strongest, but Judah had to go first. The Lord's favor is always with those who leads off in praise.

Doubt and self-pity doesn't have victory. The Lord said I've given the battle to Judah (Praise) Praise doesn't care if it's stormy or sunny, **we must know that praise is a storm chaser**. Praise doesn't care if you're out numbered or the odds is stacked against you. Praise doesn't entertain complaints, praise only surrenders to victory.

Teaching Point: Praise is the key to victory in order to experience victory it must be process through praise.

As the people of God if we really want to experience the favor of the Lord we must start our day off with praise. Not magnifying our situations and the difficulties of life because we are not exempt from tragedies so we shouldn't allow these things to govern our praise. We should right now make a **covenant with praise**, and confess that we will never let anything or anyone dictate our praise.

Praise invites God into our situations, God inhabits the praises of His people the Lord wants to make His abode in our praise. Praise is the Lord's resident outside of Heaven.

It's time that the saints of God to possess a **ready praise** in their heart. Because a ready praise is not conscious with the times or seasons it will just burst out into praise at any time. A ready praise is one of those praise that will say, when I think of the **goodness** of Jesus and all that He has done for me, my soul begins to cry out with thanks and most importantly for the Lord saving me.

Ps 30:4-12 NLT vs 1 I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me. 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health. 3 You brought me up from the grave, O Lord. You kept me from falling into the pit of death. 4 Sing to the Lord, all you godly one! Praise his holy name. 5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. 6 When I was prosperous, I said, Nothing can stop me now! 7 Your favor, O Lord, made me as secure as a mountain. Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered. 8 I cried out to you, O Lord. I begged the Lord for mercy, saying, 9 What will you gain if I die, if I sink into the grave? Can my dust praise you? Can it tell of your faithfulness? 10 Hear me, Lord, and have mercy on me. Help me, O Lord. 11 You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have

taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, 12 that I might sing praise to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!

Teaching Point: Let us praise until worship comes and let us worship until His glory comes!!!

There is power in corporate praise because when we come together in unity for there the Lord has commanded the blessing even life forevermore [upon the high and the lowly] Ps 133 AMPC.

Praise is a faith filled declaration of God's power and nature in the face of impossible circumstances that attract the supernatural power of Heaven to bring breakthrough!

Ps 42:5 AMP Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become restless and disturbed within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence.

The most profound way of approaching God:

Ps 100:4 NIV Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name!

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, those whom we intercede for.

Duet 10:21 He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.