

## PRAYER STUDY #92

### **Worship and Praise-Part 2**

*I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it, and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.*

Psalm 34:1-3

#### How to praise the Lord:

1. With the whole heart(Psalm 9:1, 138:1, 111:1)
2. With praise that can be heard(Acts 16:25, Psalm 66:8, 17:1, 98:4)
3. With shouting(Psalm 47:1, 35:27, 95:1)
4. With singing(Psalm 47:6, 98:1)
5. With a joyful noise(Psalm 66:1,2)
6. With crying out(Isaiah 12:6, Psalm 89:26)
7. With laughter(Psalm 126:2)
8. With skill on musical instruments(Psalm 47:5, 33:2, 57:8, 150)
9. With thanksgiving(Psalm 69:30, Jonah 2:9)
10. By bowing and kneeling before Him(Philippines 2:10-11, Ephesians 3:14)
11. By falling prostrate before Him(Ezekiel 1:28)
12. With clapping of hands(Psalm 47:1, 98:8)
13. By raising of hands(Psalm 63:4, 134:2, 141:2, 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:8)
14. With dancing(Psalm 30:11, 149:3, 150:4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6:14)
15. By speaking in tongues(Jude 20, Romans 8:26-27, Acts 10:46, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:16-17)

#### Don't despise the way others worship the Lord!

*And it was told King David, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that pertaineth to him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness. And it was that when they who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked out of a window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart....Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet David and said, How*

*glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the worthless fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David said unto Michal, It was before the Lord, who chose me before thy father and before all his house to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel; therefore will I play before the Lord. And I will yet be more contemptible than this and am willing to be base in mine own sight; and of the maidservants whom thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honor. Therefore, Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no child unto the day of her death. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6:12-16, &20-23*

#### How Important is Praise?

1. The Lord inhabits the praises of His people. Psalm 22:3
2. In His presence is fullness of joy. Psalm 16:11
3. The joy of the Lord is our strength. Nehemiah 8:10
4. Those who know their God shall be strong and will do exploits. Daniel 11:32

Praise breaks the heaviness around us, throws confusion in the enemy's camp, sets the captives free. It is the antidote for almost every problem that a Christian faces.

#### Some important verses on praise

*He is thy praise, and He is thy God, who hath done for thee these great and awe-inspiring things which thine eyes have seen. Deuteronomy 10:21*

*I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Psalm 40:1-3*

*Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me; and to him that ordereth his conduct aright will I show the salvation of God. Psalm 50:23*

*Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee. Thus will I bless Thee while I live. I will lift up my hands in Thy name. Psalm 63:3-4*

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name. Psalm 100:4*

*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:6*

*By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. Hebrews 13:15*

### WHAT DOES PRAISE DO SPIRITUALLY FOR THE BELIEVER

1. **It sets the captives free:** *And it came to pass as we went to prayer, a certain maid possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the Most High God, who show unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her, and he came out the same hour. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas and drew them into the market place unto the rulers and brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, and teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely; who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking out of his sleep and seeking the prison doors open, drew out his sword and would have killed himself, supposing*

*that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice saying, Do thyself no harm; for we are all here. Then he called for a light and sprang in and came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house.*

**2. It throws the enemy camp into confusion.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 19

- A. Jehoshaphat hears that a great multitude of Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites are coming against the people of God.
- B. Jehoshaphat is afraid.
- C. Jehoshaphat seeks the Lord in prayer.
- D. Jehoshaphat proclaims a fast.
- E. Jehoshaphat confesses by faith before the people, "If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence or famine, we stand before this house and in thy presence (for thy name is in this house), and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help."
- F. Jehoshaphat puts his eyes upon the Lord. "For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us, neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee."
- G. Jehoshaphat received an answer from the Lord through the prophet Jahaziel.
- H. Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground and all Judah fell before the Lord and worshiped Him.

*And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa, and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem. Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set an ambush against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who were come against Judah, and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another.*