
Praise Releases the Power of God

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The Word of God is filled with thousands of promises from your Father to you. You will have many of these promises living in your heart if you have faithfully obeyed your Father's instructions to renew your mind in His Word each day and to meditate on His Word continually throughout each day and night. Why wouldn't you praise the Lord and thank Him continually if you really believe all of the scriptural promises contained in God's Word?

You should not beg and plead and try to cajole the Lord when you are sick. Instead, all of the words you speak should clearly express your absolute faith in His mighty healing power. You should praise Him and thank Him because you know that Jesus Christ has given you victory. I believe that you can block your faith in God from working if you do not praise Him and thank Him continually. "Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; and His greatness is [so vast and deep as to be] unsearchable" (Psalm 145:3).

The greatness of the Lord "is so vast and deep as to be unsearchable." No one can begin to comprehend how great our precious Lord is. You must focus on Him instead of focusing on the sickness in your body. Because of His "vast, deep and unsearchable greatness" He is "highly to be praised."

Your Father has given you His Word to provide a solid foundation for your faith in Him. The psalmist loved the Word of God so much that he actually praised it. "In God, Whose word I praise, in the Lord, Whose word I praise, in God have I put my trust and confident reliance, I will not be afraid..."(Psalm 56:10-11).

You should approach the Word of God each day with absolute awe and reverence. God and His Word are the same (John 1:1). The words "Whose word I praise" are repeated twice in this passage of Scripture for emphasis. Your Father wants you to praise Him and thank Him continually for His supernatural, magnificent living Word. The mystery of God's residence in His Word is a phenomenon. It is beyond human explanation.

You must "not be afraid" when you are sick. Because you know God and you know what God's Word says about healing, you should praise Him and thank Him. When you are not feeling well you should focus on God's love for you instead of focusing on the pain and discomfort in your body. The more you focus on God's love, the more you will praise Him just as the psalmist did. "Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You" (Psalm 63:3).

"The Power of Praise / Praise Scriptures" is filled with many marvelous facts from the holy Scriptures about God's great love for you. You should place all of your trust in His love. If you know that your Father loves you unconditionally and if you trust Him completely, you will praise Him regardless of how you feel. "...give praise and thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good; for His mercy and kindness and steadfast love endure forever..." (Jeremiah 33:11).

You should praise the Lord and thank Him continually because "He is good." His "mercy and kindness and steadfast love endure forever." Your Father never stops loving. He is always kind and merciful to you. Your mouth will continually speak words of thanksgiving if you really trust Him.

Christians who have not renewed their minds in the Word of God and steadily increased their faith in God cannot understand why they should praise Him and thank Him when their bodies ache with pain. Your praise and thanksgiving should be unconditional. "Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will]" (I Thessalonians 5:18).

This passage of Scripture tells you to “thank God in everything no matter what the circumstances may be.” There is no question that this specific instruction from God includes the sickness in your body. You must understand that thanking God and praising Him when you are sick is the will of God for you.

You are not thanking God for the sickness. You are thanking God in sickness for the healing that His Word says already has been provided for you.

Jesus has given you a total, complete and absolute victory over the sickness in your body. Jesus is your Healer. He is the Master over all sickness and disease. You must not allow sickness to pull you down.

If your body aches with pain, you should open your mouth and thank God for the marvelous victory He has given you over sickness because of the price Jesus paid for you. “...thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Corinthians 15:57).

You are fighting a spiritual battle when you are very sick. You are fighting a battle between giving in to pain and discomfort or absolutely believing what the Word of God says about the healing that has been provided for you by Jesus Christ. You will thank God continually if you are certain He has “given you the victory.” You must not give up. Your loving Father has “made you more than a conqueror through the Lord Jesus Christ.”

You have learned the importance of speaking the name of Jesus continually. We now will look again at a passage of Scripture we studied previously. You can see from the Word of God that you should praise God at the same time you speak the name of Jesus. “...whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians 3:17).

The sickness in your body is included in the words “whatever you do no matter what it is.” When you are sick you do should be done “in the name of the Lord Jesus” because of your complete “dependence” on Him. You should praise God continually because you trust Him completely.

If your faith in God is weak, you may be tempted to give up. Your Father wants your faith for healing to be deeply rooted because you have obeyed His instructions to study and meditate continually on His healing promises and on scriptural instructions for increasing your faith in Him.

As you praise God and thank Him while you wait for manifestation of healing, your faith in God will grow just as Abraham’s faith grew when he praised God and glorified Him in the face of adversity.

We looked at a portion of the following passage of Scripture in a previous chapter. We now are ready to expand our study by explaining the scriptural relationship between faith in God and praising God continually.

“No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God, fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised” (Romans 4:20-21).

Your faith in God must not “waver” because of unbelief or distrust. You must not “doubtingly question” God’s healing promises. You will “grow strong and be empowered by faith” if you praise the Lord continually.

This passage of Scripture clearly shows you the relationship between increasing your faith in God and praising God continually. Why wouldn’t you praise God continually if you are “fully satisfied and assured that God is able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He has promised?”

Praise takes your attention off the problem and focuses your attention on the Problem Solver. The more you turn away from the pain and discomfort in your body and focus instead on the One Who can and will solve all problems,

the stronger your faith will become.

Faith and praise are closely related. Deep faith in God will cause you to praise Him continually. This continual praise will strengthen your faith in God even more.

**The more you praise God, the stronger your faith will become.
The stronger your faith becomes, the more you will want to praise God.**

Christians who do not have deep, strong and unwavering faith in God have a difficult time praising Him when their bodies ache with pain. Christians who have obeyed God's specific instructions to increase their faith in Him will praise Him regardless of the challenges they face. You should be like the psalmist who said, "My lips pour forth praise [with thanksgiving and renewed trust] when You teach me Your statutes" (Psalm 119:171).

The psalmist said that "his lips poured forth praise with thanksgiving" because of "renewed trust." He was constantly renewing his faith in God because God taught him from His Word.

Praise is the language of heaven. If you praise the Lord and worship Him continually, you will experience a preview of heaven while you are on earth. When you are in heaven you will observe the angels who surround the throne of God. "...day and night they never stop saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty (Omnipotent), Who was and Who is and Who is to come" (Revelation 4:8).

All angels and all of the inhabitants of heaven praise God continually. Everyone in heaven sees God as He really is. They hold Him in absolute awe. They show their awe and reverence by worshipping and praising Him continually.

**Continual worship and praise will bring you deeply into
God's anointing that brings supernatural results, including healing.**

Some Christians have a distorted view of God because of the pull of the world, the influence of Satan and their failure to obey their Father's instructions to continually fill their minds and their hearts with His supernatural living Word. These Christians will find that their perspective will be much different when they are in heaven. When John received his revelation of heaven he said, "...I heard what sounded like a mighty shout of a great crowd in heaven, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)!..." (Revelation 19:1).

The praise in heaven was so great that John compared this overwhelming praise with pounding waves in the ocean and roars of thunder. John said, "...I heard what sounded like the shout of a vast throng, like the boom of many pounding waves, and like the roar of terrific and mighty peals of thunder, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! For now the Lord our God the Omnipotent (the All-Ruler) reigns!" (Revelation 19:6). There is no question that everyone in heaven worships and praises God continually.

**Power from God will be released to you, in you and through you if you
praise God continually, regardless of sickness or any other adversity you face.**

You should praise the Lord continually because you should be absolutely certain that "the Lord your God the Omnipotent (the All-Ruler) reigns." God's mighty and awesome power reigns over everything, including the sickness in your body. Praise Him and thank Him continually.