

THE POWER OF PRAISE

Key scripture: Psalm 67:3-7

We have so much to praise God for, there's great power in giving honor to Him. The Bible is filled with examples of praise when we see His power released - life-changing miracles, dramatic stories of the enemy being halted or defeated, hearts being changed and drawn closer to Him.

Yet, way too often, daily struggles or constant life demands can crowd out our praise to God and sometimes it really is a sacrifice to offer praise. We may not feel like it or maybe, we think God seems distant but today we will look at what can make a lasting difference. When we make that decision to fix our eyes on Him, and daily give Him praise, no matter what's staring us straight in the face, we suddenly realize that God has already begun to release the grip those struggles can have over us.

Discussion Points

(1) How can praise help us in tough times? Psalm 150:2, Psalm 35:18, Psalm 95:2-3

(2) What can praise do in our difficult situation? 2 Chron 20:20, psalm 22:3, psalm 18:3

(3) How can praise change our attitude? Psalm 16:11, Psalm 103:2-4, Psalm 61:3

(4) How can praise be a witness to others? Joshua 6:1-21, Acts 16:25-26