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THE POWER OF PRAISE

How important is it to continually praise God? Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149, and 150 all start with ***“Praise ye the Lord,”*** which gives us a clue. Praise is powerful.

How powerful is it? Psalm 149:6-9 tells us, ***“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand (v. 6, KJV).”***

Just what can the “two-edged sword of praise” accomplish? Verses 7-9 says it. ***“To execute judgement upon the heathen and punishments upon the people, and to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, (and) to execute upon them the judgement written (in the word).”***

This means that our praises to God destroy the works of Satan and his demons. Satan does use kings (political leaders) and princes (people of influence or power) to accomplish his evil plans. The people are used by Satan to bring immorality or chaos, disorder, and violence. All these things are against God and against us individually and corporately. Satan cannot stand praises to God.

Who has the honor and ability to destroy or tear down the evil works of Satan? Verse 9 (b) says, ***“this honor have all His saints. Praise ye the Lord.”*** You and I (and every born-again believer) have the power to resist all of Satan’s forces and to stop his works against us. It is done through honest and sincere praise spoken out audibly to our Lord and Savior. Through praise we can access all the power through the Name of Jesus that Father God has given. Silence will not get it done. Silent prayer is not the word. It is spoken out of our mouth. The words of praise coming out of your mouth are the two-edged sword that overcomes all evil.

Proverbs 18:21 says, ***“Life and death are in the power of the tongue...”*** As your tongue utters praise to God, it brings life to you and death to the adversary’s plans and attacks. Speak out the high praises to God from your tongue. Praise Father, Son, and Holy ghost. ***“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord (Psalm 100.6).”***