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THE SHEPHERD'S SONG OF PRAISE

Many of the Psalms were written by King David. Some were written long before he was ever king. The word Psalm means a sacred song or hymn. Most of the psalms that were written were sung aloud.

Throughout the psalms you will see the word praise used often, at least 150 times. David praised God in the good times and in the times of adversity. He learned that praise was a weapon, and he always gave God the glory for the victory. His praise was always lifted to the Lord.

Praise defeats the assignments of the enemy. Satan hates the praise we lift to God, so it is a weapon in our hands.

Like David, we can praise our way out of any situation. Psalm 145:2-4 says, ***"² Every day I will bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts."***

We are to share with the generations that come after us the wonderful works of God and how praise is a key to victory. Many times, we do not feel like praising, then our faith reaches up to God as we praise him with a sacrifice of praise.

Paul and Silas were in prison in Acts chapter 16, and their praise caused the chains that bound them to fall off them and the prison doors to open. That is some powerful praise!

Imagine young David looking after the sheep, singing songs to God in praise. Oh, was he a man after God's own heart. His praise identified him as belonging to God. Let us be those of the same spirit, as we sing praises to our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ!