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WHEN THE PRAISE GOES UP THE POWER COMES DOWN

In Psalm 22:3 it says, ***“But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”*** Some scholars do not take this literally, but since it says it in the scriptures, I will go with the scriptures. Praise is such a powerful weapon. It sends the enemy running because he cannot stand to hear anyone praise God.

When we praise God in song or in spirit, it lifts us into the throne room of God. We know the word says that praise is a sword in Psalm 149:6. God has made a way for us to defeat depression, sickness, and doubt with praise. What a mighty weapon it is.

I love to be around those that praise the Lord. It lifts my spirits also. Sometimes I sit at my piano and prophetically sing and play at the same time. It is an intimate moment with God. I suggest that if you have issues in your life, then turn on the praise. It will get your mind off yourself and your problems and it focuses everything on God. In Matthew 6:33 it says, ***“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*** As we seek God through worship and praise then He takes care of the rest.

Sometimes praise is done sacrificially when you don't feel like it. In Hebrews 13:15 it says, ***“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.”*** The word sacrifice comes from the root word slaughter. As we lift our voices in praise it is a sacrifice on the altar of God. We do it because we love God, even when we don't feel like it. It is a time of letting go of problems and burning them (sacrificing) them on his altar.

Remember, when the praise goes up, the power comes down!