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This book is dedicated to God Almighty.

INTRODUCTION

We serve a God of awesome wonders and majesty who created the heavens and the earth. It is our duty to praise and exalts his name for the mighty works he has done. Praises is an integral part of the Christian worship and our responsibility as well. God desires that we praise him. Praising God does not add anything to God, for he is God and has all the glory he needs, however, when we praise God we are drawn closer to his presence and we experience the awesome wonders of his glory and presence in our lives.

Praises are powerful utterances and gestures that draw us closer to God, it enriches and activates our spirit, praises revives our soul and allows the presence of God to fill us. There are lots of spiritual benefits that we can derive through praises.

Praises bring down the glory of God in an awesome way and his rain of blessings is showered upon us; yokes, barrenness, disease, depression, and anxiety can be cast out when we praise him. Chains are broken, limitations and sickness are waded off when we exalt his name. There are several instances in the scriptures when God performed wonders when people praised him.

God does not want us to be mute beings, he wants us to worship him and call upon his name

so he can open the windows of heaven and rain down his blessings upon us.

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CHAPTER ONE

Knowing What Praises Signify

Praises are like raindrops of blessings, the miracles that usually follow heartfelt praises are sudden and amazing. Praises help fill the gap, sometimes when we are weak in prayers or short of words, we can praise God and get equivalent blessings and sometimes, even more, praises should be the culture of every believer, all of us must learn to praise God both new converts and older Christians alike. Praises are victory songs that attract the attention of the heavenly beings, in fact, heaven finds it irresistible to ignore a heartfelt praise.

Praises take different forms and also a way of prayer, we are encouraged to praise God always at all times, whether immediately after victory in a spiritual, financial or emotional battle or when we have not yet acquired victory. Nothing should stop us from praising God. We should praise God for failure or disappointment, we should learn to praise God at all times.

Worship

This is the expression of praise; there is power in worship, when we gather to worship the Lord, his presence abides in us. Two virtues emerge

in worship, which is praise and faith, these two are extremely powerful and could lead to an instantaneous release of power and blessings. This is the reason we see signs, deliverance, healings, and wonders take place during worship.

Worship is very wide and involves the active participation of the believer, the expression of worship can take several forms like clapping, dancing, singing, kneeling, waving etc. however these are mostly outward expressions and could be deceptive.

True worship flows from the inside; it is rooted in the heart, from the heart flows grace, power and positive utterances, sometimes worship from the heart can be so intense that it comes out forcefully like speaking in tongues or prophesying, this was what the apostle Paul always tried to emphasize in his letters.

There are basically two types of worship, they include:

True Worship

This is the acceptable form of worship God desires from us; it's the form of worship from the heart that places God at its center, this form of worship is characterized by faith, obedience and total submission to the will of God.

In worship we must identify he whom we worship, the awesome God and mighty creator who made the universe and all that is in it; if we have this in mind we would be ready to surrender our heart in obedience to his instructions and divine revelation.

False Worship

False worship is the worship of pretense when we try to deceive those around us that we are worshiping God when truly our heart is somewhere else. We cannot deceive God by false worship for he knows and sees the secrets of the heart; this kind of worship is usually ceremonial and characterized by unnecessary display just to capture the attention and praise of others. The Pharisees exhibited this kind of worship and that is why Christ often calls them hypocrites.

Thanksgiving

Praises are accompanied by words of appreciation to the ever generous God who has blessed us tremendously, when God blesses us it is right that we give him thanks so he can bless us more exceedingly, Thanksgiving is an act of praise and each time we call his name we should always en sure to give him thanks. We should also thank God in all areas of our lives both in areas of failure and success when we thank God even for our failures and limitations; it provokes God to rain down his blessings for such act is a sign of faith.

Prayer and devotion

Praises also include prayers, both work in harmony and both are expressions of faith and humility, the man who is not humble will find no reason to pray for he put his trust in his abilities rather than God. There are also false prayers and sincere prayers. Christ gave a parable of two men who went into the temple to pray, one a tax collector and the other a Pharisee, the tax collector was humble and offered a sincere prayer to God. The Pharisee, on the other hand, was proud and his prayers were self-centered and based on self-glorification.

CHAPTER TWO

Praises Brings Victory

The idea of praises is very simple because its aim is a direct attention towards God. Each time you praise, you acquire victory whether you witness an instant victory or not but there is always a victory when we praise God. He who praises God cannot be surmounted for the power of praise will bring him out from his trials. We can actually learn the art of praising God.

I think praises though widespread is actually one area most Christians fail to key into because they feel it's irrelevant or has no potential, this is very wrong! You can actually achieve a lot when you praise God.

Praises are like flooded waters that continue to rise, the more we praise the more our intentions rise to God, praises are like a flowing river that overflows its banks, the power of a flowing current of water can sweep rock particles, vegetation or other organisms to a completely new environment; this is exactly what praise does to us if we constantly key into it. David was a man who knew the power of praise and he ensured that he gave God his rightful position by praising him always.

Let's take a look at some events in the bible when the children of God achieved victory through praises.

Jericho

The story of Jericho is motivational and powerful; it tells us about the complete victory the people of Israel claimed over the inhabitants of that city. We must understand the fact that this city had great walls and mighty gates. It was humanly impossible to penetrate this great city for their gates was fully guarded, but with the power of praise, the children of God will claim victory.

Divine instructions are extremely important in the life of every believer, Joshua ensured that he followed the instructions God gave him to the latter, and the result was a complete victory over the enemy.

Certain facts are symbolic in this victory:

The Covenant Box This was a symbol of the pres ence of God.

The number seven signifies wholeness and the presence of God. Remember God created the heavens and the earth in six days and on the seventh day he rested. The priests God used for the battle were seven in numbers, they also carried seven trumpets and the people of God would march around the city seven times for seven days.

The Trumpets The people of Israel are very accustomed to the symbol of trumpets which was a call to action, a call to assembly and a war cry. The trumpets in this instance symbolized victory through praise.

In verse 20 of Joshua chapter 6, the people of God would give an offering of praise with a loud

shout with the trumpets of victory sounding and behold the great walls of Jericho will collapse in a split of seconds and the people of Israel will claim victory.

There are exceptional powers in praising God, and you can overcome the powers of the evil one and claim your victory through praise.

Gideon

The story is Gideon is quite similar to the victory at Jericho, Gideon was the least in his family and his clan was the weakest, yet God chose him to bring victory to the people of Israel. The truth is, God can use anyone he chooses to fulfill his purpose.

The victory over the Midianites took place when Gideon assembled 300 men with a trumpet and a jar with a torch inside it. Now I want you to create a mental picture of 300 men blowing a trumpet and praising God, this is not one trumpet but 300; there is indeed power in praises.

Now, in verse 19-22 of Judges 7, while Gideon and his men blew their trumpets in praises, the enemies became confused and they fought and killed each other.

Your praises can set confusion in the midst of your enemies, you can claim your victory by praising God.

CHAPTER THREE

Praises Revive Our Spirit and Bestow more Blessings

As earlier mentioned praise signifies victory, it is the assurance that we are the children of God, a people of victory. When we praise God our spirit is renewed; for those who suffer from emotional problems such as anxiety or depression, your best medicine is praising, learn to praise God daily and ensure you acquire more blessings from the Lord. One fact we should understand is that when we praise God our spirit prays and the Holy Spirit who is our best friend comes to dwell in us.

There is a close relationship between praises and blessings, the man who praises more acquires more blessings than the one who fails to praise; another wonderful attribute of praise is that you don't need to be a saint before you can praise God, however it is recommended that you stay away from sin and have a pure conscience for your praises to be more effective.

Hannah

The story of Hannah is quite remarkable, Hannah is well known among other virtuous women such as Esther in the bible. She expressed great faith in the Lord and refused to leave the temple.

Her cry for help and prayers of humility made God answered her prayers through the intercession of the priest, Eli.

But that was not all; she promised to dedicate her son to God as soon as he is weaned. Furthermore, Hannah would compose a very beautiful prayer of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord who has been so gracious to her.

Her prayer of praise and thanksgiving as recorded in first Samuel chapter two paved way for the flourishing ministry of the young Samuel. When we praise God, he bestows more blessings on us.

Mary

Mary the mother of Jesus is the most blessed of all women in the history of mankind. She was privileged to carry the Messiah, the King of kings and the Lord of lords in her womb for nine months. She gave birth to the savior of the world and watched him grew up full of the Holy Spirit.

Mary was a virgin when the angel Gabriel appeared to her and revealed that she will bear a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. She submitted herself to God's will even though she could understand how these events would happen to her. That was not all, she composed a song of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord after she visited her relative Elizabeth in (Luke 1:46-55) of whom the Lord had also blessed.

Today the name of Mary still echo in the hearts of Christian faithful who call her blessed.

David

David is among the greatest kings who lived in Israel, he became very popular when he conquered Goliath. David was a man who won his battles and had great reverence for God. One

virtue David was known for was his love for music and praising God. In fact, when David was a little boy he was recommended to console Saul with melodies of good music when he was tormented by an evil spirit.

Finally, David will compose a song of praise and victory unto the Lord in (2 Sam 22:1-51) for the great things God has done for him.

CHAPTER FOUR

We Can Overcome the Enemy by Praising God

There are instances in the bible when the children of God acquired victory through praises; they overcame the enemy by their prayer of praise. This is one fact we should note "prayer of praise" that is to say when you praise God it means you are praying to God.

The devil is scared when he sees the children of God praising God, the power of praise can shake the foundations of hell and make the devil tremble. Praise is a sign of victory; if we want to victorious then we should praise God always.

What do you do when you are faced with a difficult challenge, something that looks impossible to overcome? Do you just sit back confused not knowing what to do? There is always something you can do to set the stage on fire, something to signal terror to the enemy, something to signify that you are courageous and ready for battle to bring down such obstacles. It is called praise! It's a sign of victory and a sign of courage. It's a sign that attracts heaven and put the devil in terror.

Paul and Silas

The popular story of Paul and Silas who were both thrown into prison for the sake of the gospel is motivational for each one of us to learn from. Among the moral lessons, we can draw from the wonderful incident that occurred is that we should never give up on God even when circumstances look hopeless.

Paul and Silas were thrown into jail for casting out a demon that possessed a girl that enabled her to predict the future, now when her owners discovered that the demon has been cast out and that their means of making money was gone, they decided to blackmail Paul and Silas and get them beaten and thrown into the prison.

Naturally speaking, these two men could have given up hope because after laboring for the Lord by preaching his gospel without seeking for ma terial gains, all that could happen to them was that they were thrown into prison.

However, the reverse was the case; right in the middle of the night these men started praising God despite their discomfort and predicament, now while they praised God, the other prisoners were silent, probably some of them felt "why are these men disturbing our sleep"? Despite these challenges, these men can't keep quiet and just relax.

While Paul and Silas were praying and praising God, the unusual happened. The foundation of the prison shook, the power of God came down by the praises Paul and Silas sang and the chains fell off the hands of all who were imprisoned. Paul and Silas became victorious by praising God.

The power of God is readily available when we praise him, he gives us victory over our enemies each time we praise him, and he allows his glory to reign on us when we praise him.

Jehoshaphat

The word of God tells us that the devil is a roaring lion that goes about looking for souls to destroy. Often times the enemy launches attacks on us just to bring us down. This was the exact case of king Jehoshaphat of Judah.

The Israelites were under attack by the armies of Moab and Ammon in 2 Chronicles 20:1-30.

In this passage of the Bible, I would like you to take note of the following verse, 1-2, 17, 21-24, 25. Let's begin with 1-2.

A message came to the king Jehoshaphat of Judah that the enemies of Israel were launching their attack in great numbers; in fact, it was a combined squad, the armies of Moab and Ammon together with their allies, the Meunites. This was indeed a large army and their reports brought fear and panic into the land of Israel.

Sometimes the enemy may launch such great attack on us who are God's children and often begin to panic like the Israelites and ask the question "what do I do?"

Reading further, verse 17 tells us that God assured his people that the battle is not theirs but of the Lord. This is one fact we must understand as Christians; that the battles that come our way are God's own battle, we should, therefore, stir up courage and face the enemy in battle.

Verse 21-24, is an interesting part I would like us to take a closer look, this passage tells us that the king assembled the musician to put on their robes and get set for praise and for victory. Now, verse 22 tells us that when they began to praise God the power of the Lord came down and set the large army of the enemy into confusion and engage themselves in a savage battle and destroyed themselves. The army of the Israelites

would not even lift a finger but yet they won the battle by praising God.

Verse 25 tells us that the loot that was available for the Israelites to capture was so much that it took them four days to gather them.

There is power in praises; from this passages we have just reflected on, it is quite obvious that no matter how large the enemy might be we can still overcome them by praising God, in addition, there are great blessings attached to praising God.

Let us pray

Almighty God I thank you for the power of your word, I thank you for putting your praise on my lips.

The battle is not mine but for you oh Lord. I shall conquer my enemies and overcome them by praising you Amen.

Conclusion

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