

Power in Praise

I. Why God is Worthy of our Praise

Revelation 4:9-11

(V. 11) "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and power; For You Created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.

* **1st Foundation: He created all things and is source of all life!**

Revelation 5:8-14

(V. 9) "And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood
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* **2nd Foundation: He has redeemed us with His blood!**

Out of these two foundational reasons God is worthy of our praise and worship flow a myriad of others...

(Psalms 100, 34:1-3, 95-100, 145-150 See lists on back)

II. Expressing Praise to God strengthens us spiritually and increases our love and adoration for Him!

Like exercising a muscle-Expressing a feeling, belief or conviction reinforces that belief and/or feeling! (Example: Expressing love strengthens that love, expressing anger strengthens the anger, etc.)

Apply this principle to praising God!!! (See lists on back.)

III. Praising God deflates & defeats Satan!

Lucifer rebelled in heaven because he wanted the praise, adoration and worship due Jesus! He hates for God to be praised/ worshiped . Praising God draws His Spirit & angels and sends Satan fleeing!

"Begin to educate your tongues to praise Him and train your hearts to make melody to God; and when the evil one begins to settle his gloom about you, sing praises to God. When things go crossways at your home, strike up a song about the matchless charms of the Son of God, and I tell you, when you touch this strain, Satan will leave you." RH 8/5/1900

Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!"

How do we rejoice always? Consider the following lists!

Psalms 111

- V. 1 Praise the Lord with your whole heart
- V. 2, 3 The works of the Lord are great...honorable...glorious
- V. 4 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion
- V. 5 Gives food...Ever mindful of His covenant
- V. 6 Heritage promised
- V. 7, 8 His works are just...His precepts are sure...stand forever
- V. 9 Redemption for His people...Holy & Awesome is His Name

God:

Made us (Gen. 1:26, 27 & Rev. 4:11}
Saved us (Jn. 3:16, Eph. 2:8) Adopted us (Rom. 8:14-16
Given us inheritance (Heb. 8:14-16) Heavenly home (Jn. 14:1-3}
Is merciful (Ps. 118)
Provides all our needs (Phil 4:19) Hears our prayers (Heb. 4:16) Protects us (Psalms 91 & 46)
Made us ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20}

In Christ we have:

Grace (Eph.1:2; Eph. 2:8) Eternal Life (1 Jn. 5:12)
Authority over Satan (Lk. 10:19}
Redemption (Col. 1:14}
Forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9}
Sanctification (1 Cor 1:2)
Access to God (Eph 3:12)
Triumph (2 Cor. 2:14)
Strength to do all things

Consider Phil. 4:6-7

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
Use the above lists filling your prayers with praise & thanksgiving, and experience His power and peace as you bring your petitions!

"We do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of giving thanks. If the loving-kindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and praise, we would have far more power in prayer." ST 317