

Getting To Know God

PART 12 - HIDDEN UNSEEN POWER OF PRAISE!

UNLOCK & UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD DOES WITH YOUR PRAISE!

What Does God Do With Your Praise?

This Study Goes Well With "Weapons Of Warfare The Series- Part 3: Get Your Praise On."

Fast Recap: In Part 1, we learned about the current field of battle and how we got here. That Adam and Eve lost dominion of the earth, the physical realm, by rebellion against God. They gave up their ambassadorship of earth to Satan and he became the god of this earth. That YHWH, our God, made the sacrifice of allowing His heaven to be defiled by Satan as he presented himself in heaven: all for the goal of saving humanity, His chosen ones. Then after Jesus rose from the dead; Jesus went to heaven to present His perfect sacrifice and to cleanse the temple of the defilement of Satan and his rebellion. Michael and the Angels fought the battle and cast the devil down to earth. Now the devil knows his time is short and is trying to devour the people of God. God owns the spiritual realm and Satan still rules in the physical realm. Both sides do battle in each realm. Jesus has dominion and power in both, but has yet to restore the earth (physical Realm) by making it new. Heaven is waiting until they redeem all the children of God back to themselves. Then all trace of sin and rebellion will be destroyed. In all this, we will continue to learn the hidden power of Praise.

The Hidden Unseen Power & Work Of Praise

Behold the power of words. All things that exist in the physical realm were created through the words of the Holy God. Likewise, with words and actions, we praise God. The very next is the verse that unlocked my prayers to God. I asked Him why Praise had more power than I realized, and He gave me this verse. Then it all opened up...

✖ God, Through Jesus, Spoke All Things Into Existence.

John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made through him. Without him was not anything made that has been made."

Psalms 33:6-9 "By Yahweh's word, the heavens were made; all their army by the breath of his mouth. (7) He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap. He lays up the deeps in storehouses. (8) Let all the earth fear Yahweh. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. (9) For he spoke, and it was done. He commanded, and it stood firm."

✘ God Is Still Calling Forth His Spiritual Creation.

Isaiah 48:3 "I have declared the former things from of old; yes, they went out of my mouth, and I revealed them. I did them suddenly, and they happened."

Romans 4:17 "As it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations." This is in the presence of him whom he believed: God, who gives life to the dead, and calls the things that are not, as though they were."

✘ God Is Destroying The Old Spiritual Order To Bring Forth The New Spiritual Order.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 "For you see your calling, brothers, that not many wise men according to the flesh are called, not many mighty, not many noble. (27) But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; (28) *and God has chosen the base things of the world, and things which are despised, and things which are not, in order to bring to nothing things that are;* (29) so that no flesh should glory in His presence. (30) But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made to us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption; (31) so that, according as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

✘ We Know That All That Has Been Made, Spiritual And Physical, Is Based In The Unseen.

Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that world's [Time-Ages] was created by the word of God, so that what is *seen was made from things that are invisible.*"

✘ As Believers We Are Called To Focus On The Unseen Power Of God.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 "For our light affliction, which is for the moment, works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; (18) while we don't look at the things which are seen, *but at the things which are not seen.* For the things which are seen are temporal, but *the things which are not seen are eternal.*"

✘ Our Very Faith Is Built Upon The Unseen.

Hebrews 11:1-3 "Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, *proof of things not seen.* (2) For by this, the elders obtained testimony. (3) By faith, we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made out of things which are visible."

✘ We Walk This Walk Upon Earth By Faith Alone, Confident Of The Unseen.

2 Corinthians 5:7 "for we walk by faith, not by sight."

✘ In This We Can Understand the Power Of Our Words.

Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit."

✗ Our Words Have Spiritual Power In The Unseen.

Matthew 18:18-20 “Most certainly I tell you, whatever things you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever things you release on earth will have been released in heaven. (19) Again, assuredly I tell you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. (20) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the middle of them.”

✗ Now As Ambassadors Of God, Children of God, heirs of salvation, we are called to call forth the Praise of God into the Physical and Spiritual realms.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8+17 “We speak wisdom, however, among those who are full grown; yet wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing. (7) But we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom that has been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds for our glory, (8) which none of the rulers of this world has known. For had they known it, they wouldn’t have crucified the Lord of glory. (17) For we are not as so many, peddling the word of God. But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, we speak in Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 2:4 “But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts.”

So What Is The Unseen Hidden Power Of Praise?

Praise is an act of creation through acceptance and acknowledgement of Who and what God is, creating in this earthly realm the kingdom of Heaven to empower our battle against the prince and forces of darkness. Just like God, who through Jesus the word made flesh, spoke everything into existence. Our Praise of God is creating and building up the kingdom of God spiritually in the physical realm. This invasion of Praise is an act of War against the Devil and all evil spirits.

✓ Praise Is A Hidden Power To Your Own Salvation.

Psalms 50:23 “Whoever offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifies me, and prepares his way so that I will show God’s salvation to him.”

✓ Praise Is A Hidden Power To Your Family And Children’s Salvation.

Psalms 78:4-7 “We will not hide from their descendants. We will tell the next generation about the LORD’s praiseworthy acts, about his strength and the amazing things he has done. (5) He established a rule in Jacob; he set up a law in Israel. He commanded our ancestors to make his deeds known to their descendants, (6) so that the next generation, children yet to be born, might know about them. They will grow up and tell their descendants about them. (7) Then they will place their confidence in God. They will not forget the works of God, and they will obey his commands.”

✓ **Praise Is An Act Of Spiritual Violence Against The Forces Of Darkness.**

Psalms 149:4-9 “For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation. (5) Let the saints rejoice in honor. Let them sing for joy on their beds. (6) **May the high praises of God be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hand;** (7) To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; (8) To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; (9) to execute on them the written judgment. All his saints have this honor. Praise Yah!”

➡ **Spiritually Speaking, The Sword Of Our Mouths.**

Ephesians 6:17 “And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;**”

Hebrews 4:12 “For the **word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword**, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

✓ **Satan Can't Shut Up And Loves To Create Discord!**

Revelation 12:10-11 “I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, the power, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ has come; for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, **who accuses them before our God day and night.** (11) **They overcame him** because of the Lamb's blood, and **because of the word of their testimony.** They didn't love their life, even to death.”

Your Testimony Is Praise!

✓ **Shut Him Up As God Intended, Speak Forth The Creative Praise Power Of God.**

Psalms 8:1-2 “O LORD, our Lord, how magnificent is your reputation throughout the earth! You reveal your majesty in the heavens above! (2) **From the mouths of children and nursing babies you have ordained praise on account of your adversaries, so that you might put an end to the vindictive enemy.**

Answers To Questions From Our Last Study

In Part 1, we asked a lot of very important questions. Questions that help us unlock the hidden power of Praise. It is now time to provide the wonderful answers!

🕒 **Praise To God Is A Sacrifice!**

Hebrews 13:15 WEB “Through him, then, let's offer up a **sacrifice of praise** to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which **proclaim allegiance to his name.**”

Hebrews 13:15 NET acknowledging **his name**. **Hebrews 13:15 LITV** confessing **to His name**. **Hebrews 13:15 YLT** **thanks to His name.**

? **But The Question Is: Why Is Praise Considered A Sacrifice?**

➤ Praying Is Requesting From God.

When we pray, we are requesting from God. Now we can and should include praises to Him in our prayers. Yet, it is possible to pray without praise. So, prayer and praise are two separate acts. Prayer alone is a conversation that includes our request. Letting God know what we require of Him, etc.

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by [A] **prayer and supplication**, with [B] **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God.”

➤ Preaching, Sharing Something For God

While preaching and sharing the gospel is great, as faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. It is for the primary focus of helping another to renew their relationship with God, creating in the person the kingdom of God. As He resides in the temple of their hearts.

Romans 10:14-15 “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without preaching? (15) And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!”

Romans 10:8-10 “But what does it say?” The Word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart”; that is, the Word of Faith which we proclaim; (9) Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation.” **See Also: 2 Corinthians 3:3-4 Romans 6:17-18**

➤ Praise Is Giving Something Back To God. A Sacrifice Is An Offering To God. Giving Him Back The Creative Powers Of Your Words.

Praise on the other hand, is something different entirely. Regardless of if another person is around to receive the declaration of praise, the individual is creating and building up the kingdom of God in the spiritual realm, affecting the physical realm. As God is enthroned openly and sits upon the throne of our Praise. It literally invades both realms, like speaking His kingdom into existence as act of creation. Imagine it as every act of praise creates a brick that builds and creates the kingdom of God in your area. This act further enables God to work on yours and the Body of Christ’s behalf. Conversely, a failure to adequately Praise God weakens the work of the spirit.

🕒 We Are Told To Never Stop Praising God, No Matter What.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 “**Rejoice always**. (17) **Pray without ceasing**. (18) **In everything give thanks**, for **this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you**. (19) Don’t quench the Spirit. (20) Don’t despise prophecies. (21) Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. (22) Abstain from every form of evil.”

? But The Question Is: Why Are We Being Told By God To Never Stop, No Matter What?

He performs the act, we thank Him and declare the act, it unleashes new spiritual creation to build His kingdom and silence the devil. When God performs praise worthy acts, if it is never declared openly through Praise, then its full potential to impact the physical and spiritual realm is never reached. It's like shooting an arrow, but it never reaches its target. We must carry out the remainder of the action of God. This brings to totality of the **Act, Praise, and Creation** cycle. The deeper the battle, the more powerful creative power Praise has to turn things around and defeat the assaults of the Devil.

📌 We Are Given The Recipe For Effective Prayer And Praise.

Philippians 4:6-9 "In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. (8) Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. (9) The things which you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: do these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

? But The Question Is: Why Does This Recipe Have Any Real Power At All?

That's why we are told to be thankful and give thanks in all things. This is a command to be content and submissive to God's will. It is also a prescription to powerful affect the situation. If we don't allow Satan to remove the praise from our mouths through pain and struggles, then we become mighty agents of God. Used to help bring about the help in the spiritual and physical realm we all desperately need. In the verse above, we are given the "how to" guide to keep this praise chain unbroken, even during the assaults of the devil. In short, focus on all the good things, and neglect the wrong things in your mind.

📌 God Inhabits Our Praise!

Psalms 22:3 **MKJV** "But You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel."

Psalms 22:3 **KJV** "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel."

Strong's 3427 (inhabitest) יָשָׁב - yâshab - yaw-shab'

A primitive root; properly to sit down (specifically as judge, in ambush, in quiet); by implication to dwell, to remain; causatively to settle, to marry: - (make to) abide (-ing), continue, (cause to, make to) dwell (-ing), ease self, endure, establish, X fail, habitation, haunt, (make to) inhabit (-ant), make to keep [house], lurking, X marry (-ing), (bring again to) place, remain, return, seat, set (-tle), (down-) sit (-down, still, -ting down, -ting [place] -uate), take, tarry.

? But The Question Is: Why Does He Desire To Sit Enthroned Upon Our Praises?

God inhabits our praise, meaning His life-giving, creative power and presence. So yes, we are building a throne for Him in our praise, to be extolled and exalted. But more so, this verse is also saying that when we praise Him that He showers it with His spiritual power and authority: the essence of His very being. We build a chariot throne for His presence to ride into the physical realm upon the words of our praise. The creative power of speaking into existence spiritual in the physical realm, unleashes His presence.

Much like the verse:

Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.”

Here we have it: that even when you are alone, He is there in a mighty, impactful way- if and when you start to praise Him. Not just inside you, but all around you.

Some Key Examples!

Perfect Examples Of The Spiritual Power Of Praise:

Acts 16:25-26 “And toward midnight Paul and Silas prayed and praised God in a hymn. And the prisoners listened to them. (26) And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and all the bonds were loosened.”

Praise Brings Forth The Presence Of God Into The Physical Realm:

2 Chronicles 5:13-14 “When the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Yahweh; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Yahweh, saying, “For he is good; for his loving kindness endures forever!” then the house was filled with a cloud, even Yahweh’s house, (14) so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for Yahweh’s glory filled God’s house.”

Important Clarifications

1. I’m not saying that giving enough praise will always get you out of trouble, nor will all your issues go away. Yet, there is no danger in praising too much, but a grave danger in praising too little. Failure to give God His glory and due will ensure more problems and issues to arise in your life. *As you will have failed to build up a wall of praise with your prayers to keep the work of the Devil at bay. You will have left the throne of God un-built in your life, and robbed Him a place to be enthroned in the spiritual and physical realm in and around you.*

2. This is not “name it - claim it.” This is not thanking God for 1 million dollars, that's covetousness. It is a “thank you, God” for His provision, blessings, and all that He has done. This is acceptance and submission, like Jesus “not my will, but Yours be done.” It is God that determines the brick that needs to be made to best serve His will and build His kingdom. We just need to keep calling out His great wonders and partner with the brick layer. “Have You Seen Or Heard What God Just Did?!” , “Praise His Holy Awesome Name For This Mighty Work!”