

God Deserves the Praise

When we appreciate something or someone, we will give our time and attention to them. A long time ago I learned that if I was going to expect God to be my source of supply, I couldn't just put Him on the back burner. My God had to be my everything. I had to sell out the whole route. Well in my early days of seeking the Lord, I was asking Him a thousand questions, just like little children do to their parents. This Newsletter is based on one of those questions and the answer He gave me.

The question was, "What do I have to do to trust You?" This is what He told me, "Build a life of praise and appreciation for Me. Every blessing I give you, praise Me for it." He told me that if I would build an attitude of gratitude, I would drive unbelief and distrust out of my thinking. He gave me examples like these: Praise Me for your feet you walk on; some people don't have feet, and they can't walk. Praise Me for the eyes you see with; some people don't have eyes to see with. Praise Me for your wife and family. Praise Me for your Church family. Praise Me that I have paid the price, so you will never spend one day in hell. Praise Me that I have given you a country to live in that is rich in so many ways. He just kept on filling my mind with things that I should praise Him for. That day I learned a very valuable lesson. If we build a lifestyle of praise and appreciation for God, we will not doubt that He is for us and that in the times of trouble He will be there to help us be victorious.

God gave me an example in Scripture for what I've been sharing with you. I would like for you to not just read these verses but meditate on them till you become the leper that came back to give Jesus Glory.

Luke [17:11-19](#) KJV And it came to pass, as He went to Jerusalem, that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. [12] And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: [13] And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. [14] And when He saw them, He said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. [15] And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, [16] And fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. [17] And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? [18] There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. [19] And He said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

I've determined in my mind that I will not gripe and complain about what I think is wrong in my life, but I will praise the Lord for the good things He has blessed me with. I hope this Newsletter will help you to appreciate your Father God like never before.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

Scripture Showing the Power of Praise

2 Chronicles 20:15-18,20-25 KJV And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye

inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. [16] To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. [17] Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you. [18] And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord . [20] And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. [21] And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever. [22] And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. [23] For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. [24] And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. [25] And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.