

# The Book of Psalms

The Weapon of Praise

# God is Spirit

## Introduction

- As we come to the final session of our journey through the book of Psalms, we end with the essence of the whole book – PRAISE.
- Why is the largest book in the Bible focussed on Praise?
- That's because the largest part of our lives on Earth require worship and praise!
- *God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth Jn 4:24*

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- *Darkness shall cover the Earth and deep darkness over the people, BUT the LORD shall arise upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you. Isaiah 60:2*
- These are the Last Days described as perilous times. Spiritual Darkness is sweeping across the Earth BUT this the Church's finest hour as SHE puts on her garments of Praise and Glory!
- **YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!!**  
Matthew 5:14



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- Discern the times and read the news behind the news.
- Evil is rising but the Good News is that the KINGDOM rising even more!
- Heaven is seeking its Light bearers and Trumpet Blowers!
- <sup>15</sup> See then that you walk <sup>[e]</sup>circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because **the days are evil.**
- <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,** <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Ephesians 5*



# Direct Your Praise...

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- *<sup>15</sup> Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise **to God**, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name Hebrews 13:15*
- Music and Praise are different in terms of direction.
- What singles out Praise is that it is directed at GOD.
- Music can be excellent and beautiful but lack POWER.
- Praise has the power of God loaded into it.
- It is SPIRITUAL and not sensual or focussed on natural things.



# The Strength in Praise...

- *O LORD, our Lord,  
How excellent is Your name in all the  
earth,  
Who have set Your glory above the  
heavens!*
- *<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babes and nursing  
infants **You have ordained strength**,  
Because of Your enemies,  
That You may silence the enemy and the  
avenger.. Psalm 8:1-2*
- And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you  
never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes  
and nursing infants  
**You have perfected praise**’? Matthew  
21:16



# Three Testimonies of Praise

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- We will now look at three popular examples in the Bible.
- The purpose of this exercise is to refocus our hearts on the true power of Praise.
- Once the Bible shows us a principle, we are to apply it to our lives and get the same results.



# The Power in Praise...

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- “Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!
- <sup>20</sup> So the people shouted when *the* priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, **that the wall fell down flat.**
- Joshua 6:20





# SHOUT!

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- *Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!  
**Shout to God** with the voice of triumph!*  
*<sup>2</sup> For the LORD Most High is awesome;  
He is a great King over all the earth.*
- *<sup>3</sup> He will subdue the peoples under us,  
And the nations under our feet.*  
*<sup>4</sup> He will choose our inheritance for us,  
The excellence of Jacob whom He  
loves. Selah*



# SHOUT!

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- <sup>5</sup> God has **gone up** with a shout,  
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises **to God**, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth;  
Sing praises with understanding.
- Psalm 47:1-7



# Walls Come Down...!

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- The Jericho principle is that natural or spiritual impregnable walls will come down through the power of Praise.
- What seems impossible to Man is very possible with God.
- What are the Jerichos in your Life?
- What has resisted your advancement into the Promised Land of your Destiny?
- What looks too strong for you to defeat and overcome?
- The Power of Praise will bring these down tonight in Jesus Name!



# Suddenly!

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- <sup>25</sup> But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns **to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them.
- <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken;
- and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were loosed.
- Acts 16:25



# Break Every Chain!

- The principle here is different from that of Jericho.
- In this case, the Children of God were bound with chains.
- Where have you been bound?
- What chains of addiction have handcuffed you?
- Are there family trends which show you and others around you have these chains?
- Tonight, the Chains are coming off and everyone will be set free!
- Praise is a weapon against chains visible and invisible.



# The Invasion...

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- It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.
- <sup>2</sup> Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which *is* En Gedi).
- <sup>3</sup> And Jehoshaphat feared and set himself to seek the LORD AND proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. <sup>4</sup> So Judah gathered together to ask *help* from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD



# Battle is Not Yours...!

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- <sup>14</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.
- <sup>15</sup> And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat!
- Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God’s.



# Worship & Praise..

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- <sup>18</sup> And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, **worshiping the LORD.**
- <sup>19</sup> Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites **stood up to praise the LORD God** of Israel with voices loud and high.
- <sup>20</sup> So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said,
- “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”





# Kill Each Other!

- <sup>21</sup> And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:
- “Praise the LORD,  
For His mercy *endures* forever.”
- <sup>22</sup> Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.
- <sup>23</sup> For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy *them*. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.



# Knockout!

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- When the enemy comes to kill, steal and destroy, PRAISE will overcome him.
- When the wave of evil seeks to overwhelm you, your family, your health, your wealth, your destiny and dreams, PRAISE will drive him back!
- When life throws all kinds of trials against you and your mind and emotions are overcome with heaviness and fear, PRAISE is the weapon of choice!!



# Praise The Lord!

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- Praise the LORD!
- Praise God in His sanctuary;  
Praise Him in His mighty firmament!
- <sup>2</sup> Praise Him for His mighty acts;  
Praise Him according to His  
excellent greatness!
- <sup>3</sup> Praise Him with the sound of  
the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute  
and harp!



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- - <sup>4</sup> Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;  
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
  - <sup>5</sup> Praise Him with loud cymbals;  
Praise Him with clashing cymbals!
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
- Praise the LORD!





LET US PRAISE THE LORD!!