

Praise - God Ordained Strength!

Praise is a necessity when we must break apart an atmosphere that is dominating our place of reception. Praise is the most powerful thing we can do when we are not feeling well, uncertain of our position, or aren't drinking from the fountain of living water, or when we realize that there is an atmospheric issue (internal or external).

The 3 Heavens:

1. **The First Heaven – Natural world** - In which the universe is contained (the stars and planets).
2. **The Second Heaven – Where all the (spiritual) traffic flows** – principalities, powers, and angelic force's communication happens (i.e. worship, accusation, etc.). It is a different dimension—not physical. We were given this place to dominate inside of Christ.
3. **The Third Heaven – God's Throne** – The place where Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father. This is where Paul said, I knew a man. I didn't know whether he was inside of the body or outside of the body, but he was taken up to paradise to the third heaven. (**2 Cor 12:3**)

It is our destiny to dismantle the accuser who frustrates the flow of freedom and tries to put a hindrance on salvation, the power of God, the kingdom of God and on the authority of Christ.

- We are carriers of righteousness, peace, and joy—we carry Glory inside, because we are in Christ. Praise is given to us as a means to magnify Jesus Christ—His victory and triumph.

Psalms 8 – The Power of Praise – When the Truth of Christ, the Spirit of God, and the practicing of our abiding is being contested, it is meant to suffocate and silence us. But if we rise up in the sound of praise, we actually silence the enemy and the avenger.

Ps. 149 – A Call to Arms – We are called to dominate, in our “*dwelling in-Christ*” position

- We are called to bring HIS dominion, not ours. We aren't to bring our attitudes, but the rule of love, the liberation of the planet, and the freedom that Christ carries. Praise is a weapon to bring a shift—the means to set things back to the Divine

Psalm 149

Sing a new song or speak by making proclamations. Praise takes many forms. Praise takes our mouth and our body. It is a movement toward God. We know when we should praise. It is when righteousness, peace, joy and love start to leave us.

Vs. 5 Sing aloud—Depression is quiet. It wants us to stop using our mouths and body. Praise says, “Get up, praise, and make a loud noise.

Vs. 6 Two-edged sword—When we start praising Him we get liberated

Psalm 2 - This is a picture of an atmospheric change. We are called to abide in Christ then hold our place.

Vs 4 *He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.* The earth is our possession inside of Christ.

Vs 6 God has anointed JESUS as King!

Vs 7 The Father decrees—Jesus declares the decree the Father has said to Him. This is the power of the mouth—to hear the Lord, agree with Him, then repeat it out loud.

When we acknowledge the Lord's sovereignty, what is warring against us to dominate us is defeated.

Vs 10 Our goal is to be inside of Christ and fully surrendered—enjoying Him without our soul being in conflict.

Psalm 149 *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,*

- God starts from a victorious posture of joy then makes proclamations from what has declared. He then tells us to take our dominion.
- Praise is a powerful way of establishing Christ in our heart when we are warred over, as well as to establish Christ in the places where we have been given jurisdiction of our inheritance.

Matt 21:5 Jesus came into Jerusalem lowly on a donkey. He came in with humility. Humility is one of our greatest weapons because it takes us out of the fight and into Christ—from defending ourselves to allowing the Great Defender to come. We are to come in the opposite spirit of what ever is opposing us. Humility is coming in submission to the One who is overthrowing evil.

Vs. 9 Jesus intentionally came into His Father's house to set it in order. He came in as a sacrificial lamb to be examined by the priests. He came to displace the current ruling forces.

Vs 12 This was a sovereign act of God to set things right. Praise had been ignited. King Jesus stepped into His house to set it in order. Heaven starts to move when praise is released.

Vs 13 Jesus took ownership of HIS house.

Vs 16 Jesus' response to the priest's hostility was to speak the Word.

Jesus tells us to abide in Him and let His words abide in us. When the disruption gets overwhelming, we are to give Him praise. Praise brings displacement (Out of war into peace)

- Praise is to empower God, to magnify Him, to bring the completion of Who God is and displace the enemy.

Acts 26:24 Paul and Silas were singing hymns.

- We are not praising in order to displace the enemy. We are praising to connect ourselves into the fullness of Authority. Once that Authority reignites inside, there is no contest. Now we KNOW that we are in Christ and the victory is won. The joy begins to erupt and the words we speak carry ALL of the authority of Christ in His name.

Vs. 26-28 This is a realm of authority in which we are to walk is at God's discretion, and our submission to the glorious victorious One. Even when we are inside of prison with our feet in stalks we can just start declaring, Christ is good.

Vs. 20-34 We step inside, we praise, we rise, and heaven starts to shift everything that is restricting. Heaven operated in that place because Paul and Silas connected to it. That is the power of praise.

Psalms 2 Joy is the most powerful way to break free when the environment has become hostile.

In every new move of God, there is going to be a song that liberates the hearts of people that displaces the strategies of hell and usher's in Christ and the movement of His Spirit.

We are being perfected, as the Son was being perfected, surrendering and learning the confession of hope and holding ourselves under the word of God and not letting the circumstances of life define us.

Worship is a posture of the Union part of dwelling. Worship is the response that we give to God when He reveals Himself. The problem tries to make us smaller than our destiny, but praise always gets bigger than the problem because our destiny is far greater than the conflict.