

THE POWER OF PRAISE

Psa.50:23 NKJV Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; And to him who orders *his* conduct *aright* I will show the salvation of God."

Psa.69:30 NKJV I will praise the name of God with a song,
and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Heb.13:14,15 NKJV For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.
¹⁵ 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.

Foolish people, because of their transgressions and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorred all manner of meat (meaning the Word of God which is meat for the soul) and they draw near unto the gates of Death. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saves them out of their distresses.

"He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them out of their destructions. Oh, that men would PRAISE the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with thanksgiving." (Psa. 107:17-23)

"I will create the fruit of the lips (Praise); Peace, peace to him that is afar off, and to him that is near, says the Lord; and I will HEAL him." (Isa. 57:19)

We are convinced that many of God's children fall short of their longings of Divine Life for their bodies for the want of this victorious ART OF PRAISING, in order that they may get in touch with God. Power of healing is wonderfully conveyed through the channel of PRAISE. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh.8:10)

Pray all you will, beloved – you cannot err in that, but standing on the promise that, "Whatever you pray for, and ask, believe you have got it and you shall have it." (Mark 11:24-Moffett) Then sing out from the depth of your jubilant heart, Hallelujah! It is done. The one who Promises will see that the prayer of faith, energized by the song of triumph, shall save the sick. Aye, more, the habitual practice of the PRAISE LIFE will hold immune from Satan's attacks the dear saints of God, who will sing the songs He gives them in the night.

Mrs. Rosa Smith, a missionary in China was wonderfully healed of a very severe case of smallpox by the Lord in just continually "Praising the Lord." She had had a vision of an empty basket, which the Lord asked her to fill up with Praises. It was after one o'clock in the morning before she felt that she had Praised through. She then fell asleep and awoke the next morning healed. In closing her interesting testimony, Mrs. Smith has this to say:

"I believe there is nothing that brings the victory like praising the Lord. I have found it that way in China when things looked dark and discouraging, but if I got up and praised the Lord, everything would get all right and the Devil would flee. In the first chapter of Revelation, 5th and 6th verses, we read, 'Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, and hath made us Kings and Priests unto God and His Father.' Now do you know what the Priest's business was in olden times? It was to offer sacrifices. We are made Priests unto God by the washing of His Blood, and He made us for this purpose to offer the sacrifice of Praise. And what is the sacrifice of praise? We find the answer in Heb. 13:15: "By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name."

People say. "I do not want to say it if I do not feel like it." But it will not hurt you to say it even if you do not feel it, and if you keep saying it, it will become a fruit in your heart, and afterwards a fruit of your lips. If I lose the praise it is hard to get the victory. The devil fears praise more than anything else. We have had some of the most remarkable healings I ever saw through praising the Lord. One Chinese woman who was a leper had been given up by the doctor, and he had told her there was no hope. She had spent hundreds and hundreds of dollars trying to get healed. She heard of us and came to be prayed for. We offered a short prayer and then began to praise the Lord for the answer. That was on Thursday and on Sunday she came to the meeting and her flesh, which had been so badly eaten by the disease, was all healed over and it had a thin skin all grown over like a baby's skin. She was baptized that day. She was 61 years old at that time and had never learned to read in her life, but now she reads her Bible and goes around and prays with others."

Silent prayers or silent praises have no place here. The "Stronghold of the enemy," like walls of Jericho, will only fall with a shout of victory. (Joshua 6:20)

If you should be so weak physically that you cannot make much of a sound, start with a whisper, but keep on trying a little louder and you will be surprised how the Lord will increase your strength and bless your soul. The gloom will pass away and God's sunshine will creep into your heart. Praise the Lord, it will!

When Jesus was coming down from the Mount of Olives His disciples were praising God with a loud voice and the Pharisees were greatly annoyed thereby and said unto Him: "Master, rebuke thy disciples." Jesus answered them and said: "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." (Luke 19:39-40)

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