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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

“THE POWER OF YOUR PRAISE”

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Psalm 34:1

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth

Praise is our Priestly duty!

1 Peter 2:5

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:15 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. (Reference to Jer. 33:11)

WHAT IS PRAISE?

Praise: 1) to express approval or admiration of; extol 2) to offer grateful homage to (God or a deity), as in words or song.

1. Hallal

Hallal is a primary Hebrew root word for praise. Our word "hallelujah" comes from this base word. It means "to be clear, to shine, to boast, show, to rave, celebrate, to be clamorously foolish."

Psalm 113:1-3

Praise (hallal) ye the Lord, praise (hallal) o ye servants of the Lord, praise (hallal) the name of the Lord.

2. Yadah

Yadah is a verb with a root meaning, "the extended hand, to throw out the hand, therefore to worship with extended hand." According to the Lexicon, the opposite meaning is "to bemoan, the wringing of the hands."

Psalm 63:1

So I will bless thee as long as I live; I will (yadah) lift up my hands in thy name.

3. Towdah

Towdah comes from the same principle root word as yadah, but is used more specifically. Towdah literally means, "an extension of the hand in adoration, avowal, or acceptance." By way of application, it is apparent in the Psalms and elsewhere that it is used for thanking God for "things not yet received" as well as things already at hand.

Psalm 50:14

Offer unto God praise (towdah) and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

4. Shabach

Shabach means, "to shout, to address in a loud tone, to command, to triumph."

Psalm 47:1

O clap your hands, all peoples; shout (shabach) to God with the voice of joy (or triumph).

Isaiah 12:6

Cry aloud and shout (shabach) for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great in your
midst is the Holy One of Israel.

5. Barak

Barak means "to kneel down, to bless God as an act of adoration."

Psalm 95:6

O come let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel (barak) before the Lord our maker.

6. Zamar

Zamar means "to pluck the strings of an instrument, to sing, to praise; a musical word which is largely involved with joyful expressions of music with musical instruments.

Psalm 21:13

Be exalted O Lord, in Thine own strength, so will we sing and praise (zamar) Thy power.

1Chronicles 16:9

Sing to Him, sing praises (zamar) to Him; speak of all His wonders.

7. Tehillah

Tehillah is derived from the word halal and means "the singing of halals, to sing or to laud; perceived to involve music, especially singing; hymns of the Spirit.

Psalm 22:3

Yet Thou art holy, O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises (tehillah) of Israel.

* Praise Calls God to manifest His presence where you are

Psalm 22:3

But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

* Enthroned: (Heb. “Yashab”) to sit down, to settle in, to inhabit

* Praises: (Heb. “tehillah”) laudation, jubilant singing, a song of praise

The praise of a worshipper has dual effects, it brings God closer to us (Ps 22:3), and simultaneously brings us closer to God

Psalm 100:4

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving {towdah}, And into His courts with praise {tehillah}. Be thankful {yadah} to Him, and bless {barak} His name.

* Praise tunes you in to heavens frequency

Close proximity to God is victory and deliverance from bondage for His children!

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

* The fastest way to break the chains of anxiety is praise, the most effective way to destroy the yoke of demonic oppression is praise, the quickest way to escape the dungeons of depression is praise!!!

* Your PRAISE is a weapon!

Psalm 149:5-9

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, 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 — This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord!

* The “high praise” is the praise that comes from your lowest place!

* The “high praise” is a faith praise!

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