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Don't Lose Your Praise!

Scripture: Psalm 118

Psalm 118 is about the confidence in God's eternal love. God's love is **unchanging** in the midst of changing situations. This gives us security. Therefore, He deserves our praise because His endless love never fails. Is a call to express gratitude to God for His goodness and enduring mercy. Moreover, it's a declaration of God's steadfast love and a recognition of His faithfulness.

We see that God is actively involved in our lives, offering support, guidance, and protection. Because He's able to help us to overcome any challenges or threats. What tremendous faith Job had, especially in light of the fact that he was unaware of the conference between God and Satan. Although Job struggled with the idea that God was presently against him, he firmly believed that in the end God would be on his side. *"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me"* (Hebrews 13:5-6).

We become content when we realize God's sufficiency for our needs. Even though today some of us have become materialistic and say by their actions that God can't take care of them—or at least that he won't take care of them the way they want. Insecurity can lead to the love of money, whether we are rich or poor. **The only antidote is to trust God to meet all our needs.**

We must put our faith, hope, and reliance in God, acknowledging His power, goodness and faithfulness. If we put our trust in human beings, their abilities, promises, or support can be misplaced because people are fallible and can disappoint. Therefore, God is better, more reliable, and ultimately safer choice than trusting in humans.

Pilots put confidence in their planes. Commuters place confidence in trains, cars, or buses. **Each day we must put our confidence in something or someone.** If you are willing to trust a plane or car to get you to your destination, **are you willing to trust God to guide you here on earth and to your eternal destination**? Do you trust Him more than any human being? How futile it is to trust anything or anyone more than God.

God is our ultimate source of power and support, enabling us to overcome challenges and persevere through difficult times. That is the reason why we celebrate and praise His name. **Because He's the one who provides ultimate deliverance and rescue, both in the present and for eternity.** Music played an important part in Israel's worship and celebration (Exodus 15:1-2). Singing was an expression of love and thanks. It was a festive epic poem celebrating God's victory, lifting the hearts and voices of the people outward and upward. After having been delivered from great danger, they sang with joy! **Psalms and hymns can be a great way to express relief, praise, and thanks when you have been through and going through situations.** From the depths of our gratitude, we must praise Him. As our praise overflows, we must share Him with others.

God is able to help us overcome any threats, whether physical danger, illness or a period of despair. So that we are able to continue to live with purpose and faith. Therefore, we can commit to using our lives to praise Him, share His goodness, and testify to His power. We should always express our gratitude to God for answering our prayer and becoming our salvation.

There are days when the last thing we want to do is rejoice. Our mood is down, our situation out of hand, our sorrow or guilt overwhelming. We can relate to the writers of the psalms who often felt this way. **But no matter how low the psalmists felt, they were always honest with God.** And as they talked to God, their prayers ended in praise. **When you don't feel like rejoicing, tell God how you truly feel.** You will find that God will give you a reason to rejoice.

Remember people of God, don't lose your praise, because God is always due praise. God is able to help us overcome any threats, whether physical danger, illness or a period of despair. He is our ultimate source of power and support, enabling us to overcome challenges and persevere through difficult times. That is the reason why we celebrate and praise His name. No matter what your circumstances are, continually praise Him for His goodness and faithfulness. We must put our faith, hope, and reliance in God, acknowledging His power, goodness and faithfulness. The psalmist starts off and ends with: **O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.**

May you be blessed with these encouraging words to continue to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!