

# Sing to the Lord ([Psalm 95:1-3](#))

***“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods.” (NKJV)***

Whenever I focus on Jesus and begin to praise Him in song, I feel joy rise up within me, and explode into my day. That same joy arises when I hear the words of this psalm. The writer of this psalm exhorts us to sing to the Lord and to shout joyfully. When I think of the goodness of our King and all that He has done for me, I do want to shout and rejoice and give Him thanks! Dear friend, wherever you are right now, lift up your voice and your heart in praise to God! He is the great, mighty Creator King, the Lord over the whole universe. Heaven and all of creation are in His hands. He is bigger than anyone or anything we could ever imagine, His power beyond anything we could fathom or fashion. He is mightier than the mightiest and more glorious than the sun in all its splendor, and He still knows us and loves us, and is involved in our little lives. What a Savior. What a Lord! He is the One who flung the stars into space, the One who spoke and everything came to be; who fashioned man from the dust of the earth and breathed zoe life into him. If you have never lifted up your voice aloud in praise to God, today is the day you can begin. Let nothing stop your exuberant praise! He is so worthy of our highest praise!

[Psalm 100:4](#) tells us *“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”* Our gratitude and thanks open the way into the presence of God and draw us near to Him. The more we remember and thank God for the good things He has done, the nearer we draw to Him and the more we can feel His presence, which tells us the very real power of thanksgiving.

These verses give us two simple keys to spiritual strength and victory – praise and thanksgiving.

There have been many occasions when I began to sing and shout aloud to God while feeling sad, weighed down or discouraged, and the blues just vanished away as the praises lifted me up to feel His joy! I have experienced the same release and joy countless times when I just began to remember the love and kindness of the Lord and thanked Him for what He has done. Paul, in the book of Philippians, encourages us many times to rejoice because it is a powerful spiritual tool. Friend, the enemy would have you stay burdened, weary, heavy hearted and discontented with your lot in life. This is why he helps you focus on what is not going well, and keeps you thinking about it and talking about it, which makes your situation appear worse each day. This is a vicious cycle which takes us nowhere, but you can break out of this cycle today, in the power of the Holy Spirit. You can decide to step into the place of praise and thanksgiving. There is always something we can thank God for. You are alive and well and reading this message because of His love and kindness, and His protection upon your life. You are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with you and His mercies are new each morning. God loves you, chose you, and called you to be His very own. He sacrificed His only begotten Son that you might know His love and enter a living relationship with Him. Everything else is the icing on the cake!

When we give thanks to God and praise Him for what He has done, we set ourselves up for the "more" He has in store. He delights in the appreciation of His children, just as any earthly parent would. We all would feel like doing more for someone who appreciates what has already been done and I am sure our glorious Abba feels that way too! There is a miracle waiting to happen in your life, and it is just about to burst out of your praise! I command sickness and lack to leave your house, and the hindrances and attacks of the enemy to be gone in the mighty name of Jesus. Give thanks to God and shout out your praise. Jesus is the Rock of our salvation. He is the name above all other names!

*"Step into the palace of praise, My child, draw deeper into the joy of My heart."*

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