

**PRAYER – 6**  
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**EPH. 5:18, JAMES 5:16 (AMP)**

**INTRODUCTION:** There are different kinds of prayer. Jesus taught Paul the importance of the prayer of worship and praise. Paul taught it and Paul lived it. When imprisoned, praise produced power which produced results.

**THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

1. Victory in battle. **2 CHRON. 20:21-22**
  - A. God inhabits the praises of His people. When we praise Him, His presence descends among us producing power to prevail over the enemy in times of warfare.
2. Breakthrough. **JOSHUA 6:20**
  - A. Sometimes there are walls of resistance that hinder our experiencing the blessings of God. Through praise and worship, we can breakthrough and obtain our inheritance.
  - B. **PS. 47:1**
3. Freedom **ACTS 16:23-26**
  - A. Paul and Silas didn't wait to be set free to praise God. They praised God first, and freedom came afterward.
4. Deliverance. **1 SAM. 16:23**
  - A. As David played the harp and worshipped God, Saul was delivered from a tormenting spirit.
  - B. The garment of praise will deliver from a spirit of heaviness.
  - C. Un-dealt with emotional feelings can lead to drug abuse, alcohol abuse, self pity, mental breakdowns, a life of crime, murder, even suicide.
  - D. The garment of praise can drive that spirit of heaviness far away from us.
5. Revelation. **2 KINGS 3:15-18**
  - A. Praise and worship creates an atmosphere conducive to having God speak to us.
  - B. **ACTS 13:2**
6. Judgment upon the enemy. **PS 149:6-9**
  - A. Another manifestation of God inhabiting our praise is in the form of judgment falling upon the forces of evil. This can prevent their evil plans from being successful.
  - B. **PS. 18:1-3**
7. Healing. **MT. 8:1-3**
  - A. Worship gave this leper the opportunity to receive healing. The same is true with the ruler whose daughter was raised from death, and the Canaanite woman whose daughter was delivered of a demon.

**CONCLUSION:**

If prayer involves taking our problem to God, then praise is bringing God's manifest presence and power into our problem. God longs for us to praise Him for His goodness and wonderful works. **PS. 107:20-22**