

COOPERATING WITH GOD - 5

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REVIEW:

We've been teaching on the importance of cooperating with God by doing what He says to do. Last week, we saw how Moses didn't do what God said and was denied entrance to the Promised Land.

CONTINUE: JOHN 16:33 AMPC

Jesus said there would be testings, trials, adversity, stress, and satanic attacks designed to destroy us spiritually, emotionally, physically, financially and socially. He said life's storms come to all of us. He also said to be of good cheer, not heavy-hearted, discouraged, depressed and have regular pity-parties for ourselves.

He knew **Deuteronomy 28:47-48**. He knew the results of cooperating with God by being joyful and cooperating with the enemy by allowing negative feelings and emotions to control our lives. We have a choice to make when challenged.

The Garment of Praise - ISAIAH 61:1-3

Our clothing identifies us. We choose what garments we put on. Praise is spoken of as a garment we are to put on to drive the spirit of heaviness far from us. Heaviness magnifies the problem above the greatness of God, but praise magnifies God above the problem and brings it down to size.

Praise in the Psalms

- 1.) An act of obedience. **150:1-6**
- 2.) A good thing. **147:1; 92:1-2**
- 3.) Ushers in God's presence. **22:3**
- 4.) Is the gate of the Lord. **118:19-21; ISAIAH 60:18**
- 5.) Fulfills our vows. **22:25-26 NLT; 56:12-13 NLT**
- 6.) To awaken the dawn. **108:1-3 AMPC**
- 7.) With the whole heart. **9:1-2**
- 8.) Voice of victory. **47:1, 5-6** In Christ we have victory over Satan, sin, death, hell, the grave, disease, demons, poverty and everything the enemy can throw our way!
- 9.) Happy or sad lips. **71:22-24**
- 10.) Seven times daily. **119:164**
- 11.) To stay alive. **119:175**
- 12.) The dead won't. **6:5**
- 13.) All creation. **148:1-14**

CONCLUSION:

We all were created to praise our Creator for giving us life. It's up to us to cooperate with Him by developing a lifestyle of praise. Doing so, enables Him to accomplish great and mighty things for us as stated in His Word.