

WEDNESDAY
FAITH & HEALING CLASS
APRIL 14, 2021

Praise Brings Power

Ps. 47:1-7 - "With Understanding"

- 1.) Praises shouldn't be difficult to **UNDERSTAND**. We praise our children for their achievements, for doing right. Employees are praised for working hard; "Awards", "Parking space".
 - A.) God, above all, is to be praised by His people for **WHO** He is, **WHAT** He has done.
 - B.) Those who have understanding will do so knowing praise releases **POWER** that defeats the enemy.

JUDGES 7:2-7

- 1.) Gideon's army, 32,000; Midianite army, 135,000 - 4 to 1
Gideon's army reduced to 10,000, 13 ½ to 1, outnumbered.
Gideon's army reduced to 300, 450 to 1, outnumbered.
 - A.) Gideon's army of 300 wasn't based on **ABILITY**, but on **DRINKING** habits.
 - B.) God's reasoning - so they can't **BOAST**.

JUDGES 7:16-22a NIV

- 1.) Instructions given: 450-1, Blow trumpets, shout!
 - A.) God's power is **MANIFESTED**. The Midianites are **DEFEATED**.
- 2.) In some circles the shout is **UNDIGNIFIED** or extreme. It's considered inappropriate, improper, **BENEATH** you.
 - A.) When God is in the shout, it's **DIGNIFIED**.
 - B.) **EZRA 3:10-13** The young shouted, the old wept aloud, but Jesus entered the new temple - **GREATER GLORY**.
 - C.) Blind Bartimeus **SHOUTED** until heard by Jesus.
 - D.) Don't leave home without your **SHOUT!**

What Praise Does

1. Gets our **FOCUS** off ourselves and on God.

- A.) **PSALMS 35:28** God desires that our eyes be on Him, no matter what we face from day to day.
- 2.) Praise brings us to a place of **HUMILITY**.
- A.) **PSALMS 34:1-4** By praising Him, we acknowledge our **DEPENDENCY** on Him.
- 3.) Praise, **CONFOUNDS** the enemy.
- A.) **2 CHRONICLES 20:22-23** To confound means to confuse by acting against **EXPECTATIONS**.
- 4.) Closes the door to **MURMURING** and **COMPLAINING**.
- A.) **PSALMS 103:2-4** When challenged, it's easy to forget the **BENEFITS** of being in covenant with God. Through praise, we focus on what He's done for us, His promises, and the **PURCHASES** made for us in Christ.
- 5.) Opens the door to **BLESSINGS**.
- A.) **PSALMS 50:23** God wants to show us His salvation. Praise opens the **GATEWAY** of blessing.
- 6.) Invites God's **PRESENCE**.
- A.) **PSALMS 22:3** God dwells close to us as we praise Him. Where His presence is, there His power mightily works.
- 7.) Activates **JOY**.
- A.) **PSALMS 16:11** Praise brings His presence. His presence brings joy. Joy is our strength. Praise enables God to change our situation by changing our **HEARTS**.
- 8.) Unleashes **MIRACLE**-working power.
- A.) **ACTS 16:25-26** Through sacrificial praise, miracle-working power was unleashed. **HEBREWS 13:15**