

PRAYER AND PRAISE

MAY 10, 2023

1 PET. 2:5,9

- 1.) Every believer has been called out of darkness and brought into the light for a purpose. We are to offer spiritual sacrifices to God made acceptable through Jesus Christ.
 - A.) The first ministry of the priesthood is to minister to God first, then to people. We are worshipers first, and workers second.
- 2.) In both Testaments we have examples of the effectiveness of prayer and praise.
 - A.) The Old Testament: **2 CHRON. 20:21-23** Prayer brought direction and praise brought God's presence and power.
 - B.) The New Testament: **ACTS 16:25-26** Prayer took the problem to God, and praise brought God into the problem.
 - Praise is an important weapon of spiritual warfare.
 - **PS. 50:22-23 KJV, MSG.**
- 3.) The pattern that ushers in the glory.
 - A.) The Old Testament: **2 CHRON 5:11-14** They were sanctified, purified, and unified.
 - B.) The New Testament: **ACTS 4:23-31**

Charles Spurgeon Quote: “We need to have a church in which all the members do something, in which all do all they can, in which all are always doing all they can; for this is what our Lord deserves to have from a living, loving people bought with His precious blood!”