YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD: "HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021"?

"PRAISE THE LORD AT ALL TIMES"

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David found this as the secret to success; lashed on it and never let it go. In Psalm 34:1 (NLT), he says...

"I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises." Brethren, praising God re-affirms our trust and confidence in the Lord.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMP), says

Trust in and rely confidently on the LORD with all your heart And do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, **And He will make your paths straight and smooth** [removing obstacles that block your way].

If God removes the obstacles that block a person's way (s), victory happens.

In 2 Samuel 6:14

^{"14} David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, ¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets."

In 1 Samuel 16:1

"The LORD said to Samuel, fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king."

Acts 13:22 confirms that David was selected because of his heart for God. "God raised up David as their king (of Israel) and testified about him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after My own heart; he will carry out My will in its entirety.'

A song writer composed: "I will exalt you Lord, for thou had lifted me, above my enemies, your banner over me is love."

When we praise God, he lifts us above our situation.

When we praise God, He removes the obstacles that block our way (s), and we get victory.

- For example:
- When the children of Israel were praising the Lord, the walls of Jericho came down.

Joshua 6:20

"When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city."

Brethren, there is power in praise.

If we cannot freely praise God, it is either God's Spirit is not in us or we are suppressing the Spirit in us. Either way, we loose! Because praise helps us to usher God into our situation to help us. **In praise we speak God's language:**

- 1 Corinthians 2:12 says "We have not received the spirit of the world, but the
- Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.
- **13**And this is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

No wonder God said:

Romans 8:15 "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of son-ship, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"" Brethren, once we cry "Abba Father", God comes down, because "God Inhabits the Praise of His People" (Psalm 22:3 KJV) Even in our toughest situations, let us try to open our mouth in praise and God will do something. He will never keep quiet when He hears a genuine praise.

Jesus exemplified this! In Matthew 27:50-56, bible says:

"Jesus, **again crying out loudly**, breathed his last. At that moment, the Temple curtain was ripped in two, top to bottom. There was an earthquake, and rocks were split in pieces. What's more, tombs were opened up, and many bodies of believers asleep in their graves were raised. The captain of the guard and those with him, when they saw the earthquake and everything else that was happening, were scared to death. They said, "**This has to be the Son of God!**"

... God is interested in using our situation to bring glory to His name. And even when the tomb was fortified, the power of God continued to rise on Jesus' praise: Pilate ordered: "⁶⁵ "Take a guard, "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

But....Matthew 28 says

"² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men."

Bible recorded that:

- when Jesus carried out a second time, His words were:

"Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit", (Luke 23:46), and "it is finished", (John 19:30).

- And He cried *with a loud voice*, which showed the vehemency of his affection, his strong confidence in God, and his being fearless of death; He spoke, that he might be heard.

The result was that God rained down His power and established the testimonies we are enjoying today.

CONCLUSION

Brethren, it is to our benefit to praise God at all times. Let us go and practice it.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!