

THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

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**“THE LIFE AND FAITH OF DAVID” Part 3
CULTIVATING A HABIT OF PRAISE
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ANCHOR BIBLE REFERENCES

➤ Hebrews 13: 5-8

➤ ⁵ God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

➤ ⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mortal man do to me?”

➤ ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

➤ ⁸ **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**



The Leaders, consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

(This year, we must have a fresh vision of our Christian life)

As we consider the life of the leaders and their faith, let us apply the lessons and, thus, create new wineskins and expand our spiritual container to enable God to move the mountains He has planned to move for us from 2023.

Our Mandate Remains:

➤ “The House of Prayer for all Nations; Extending God’s Love to all the Nations.”

➤ We are sowers (not eaters) but the sower reaps in multiple folds.

➤ **Ezekiel 22:30** ³⁰ “And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge (wall), and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”

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CULTIVATING A HABIT OF PRAISE

Psalm 22:2-3

²I cry out by day, O my God, but You do not answer, and by night, but I have no rest.
³Yet You are holy, O You that inhabit the praises of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 10:21

“He is your praise and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome wonders that your eyes have seen.”

Psalm 148:14

“He has raised up a horn for His people, the praise of all His saints, of Israel, a people near to Him. Hallelujah!”

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Key Thing About David is that he Understood that God ordained praise in everything He created. With that knowledge, he made up his mind that he will never compromise on praise.

He summarized his understanding in psalm 148:

- Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. **2** Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His heavenly hosts. **3** Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars. **4** Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. **5** Let them praise the name of the Lord, **for at His command they were created,** **6** and He established them for ever and ever— He issued a decree that will never pass away.
- **7** Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, **8** lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding, **9** you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, **10** wild animals and all cattle,

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small creatures and flying birds, **11** kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, **12** young men and women, old men and children.

- **13** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
- Brethren, God ordained praise in everything He created.
- In Luke 19:28-40, when Jesus was riding on the colt into Jerusalem, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen, **39** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” BUT JESUS said: **40** “I tell you,” , “**if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.**”
- Brethren, it is in our benefit to praise God.

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Paul and Silas Used Weapon of Praise

Ellicott's Commentary on Acts 16:25, when chains on Paul and Silas were broken while in praises, said **“The leg feels not the stocks when the mind is in heaven. Though the body is held fast, all things lie open in the spirit.”**

Brethren, The leg feels not the stocks when the mind is in heaven. Though the body is held fast, all things lie open in the spirit, so boost into praise.

Little wonder Paul and Silas tapped into the spirit and began to praise God — Notwithstanding their weariness, hunger, stripes, and blood. The body may be bound but the Spirit cannot be bound.

And God showed up – suddenly a great earthquake; shook the foundations of the prison. At once all the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose.

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- When God appears in our praise, there is always an aftermath , a bigger glory – God does not stop at delivering us from our situation; He does something bigger.

For example, In Acts 16 when God appeared in the praise of Paul and Silas, He did not only free them but He did more:

²⁵ Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

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- In 2 Kings 7:3-20, God magnified the noise from the feet of four lepers and caused their enemy to flee; the lepers got the food they wanted and lifted the Siege for others.

⁵The four lepers got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there, ⁶for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!” ⁷So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives. ⁸The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank. Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also. ⁹Then they said to each other, “What we’re doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let’s go at once and report this to the royal palace.” ¹⁰So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them.
¹⁶Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans.

- **Brethren, God amplifies/magnifies our praise to defeat our enemy.**

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2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 reminds us that “we use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.”

3For though we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh. **4** The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world. Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. **5**We tear down arguments and every presumption set up against the knowledge of God; and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ

Brethren, our praise is a strong weapon. God could project our praise differently to the enemies, make them hear strange voices and flee in shame, living victory for Christ.

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➔ There is a reason we are told to – make a joyful noise.

Psalm 98: ⁴ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. ⁵ Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. ⁶ With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Use a combination of voice (s) and instruments to praise, you never know the noise that God would amplify/magnify for the enemies to flee.

Brethren, David understood this principle.

In his Psalms, example 146, David said:

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Psalm 146: ² I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. ⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. ⁵ **Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.**

Like David, let us “Cultivate the Habit of Praise”.

I believe as a fellowship, the call of God in Jeremiah 1:10 is for us:

“See, I have appointed you today over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and plant.”

“God’s word is like fire,” “and like a hammer that smashes a rock?” (Jeremiah 23:29)

Through our Prayer and Praise in this fellowship, we will extend God’s love to all nations.

God Bless You!