

P R A I S E G O D

BECAUSE HE IS WORTHY
AND BECAUSE HE IS

ENTHRONED ON YOUR PRAISE

the miracles of your majesty are my CONSTANT MEDITATION...⁷ Our hearts bubble over as we CELEBRATE the fame of your marvelous beauty, bringing BLISS to our hearts. We SHOUT with ECSTATIC JOY over your BREAKTHROUGH for us!⁸ You are kind and tenderhearted to those who don't deserve it and very patient with people who fail you. Your love is like a flooding river overflowing its banks with kindness...¹⁰ Everything you have made will PRAISE YOU, fulfilling its purpose...¹¹ They will TELL THE WORLD of the lavish splendor of your kingdom and PREACH ABOUT YOUR LIMITLESS POWER...¹³ ...You are faithful to fulfill every promise you have made...¹⁶ When you open your generous hand, it is FULL OF BLESSINGS...! TPT

Psalm 150¹⁻⁵ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his MIGHTY MIRACLES! Praise him for his ACTS OF POWER! Praise him for his MAGNIFICENT GREATNESS! Praise him with trumpets blasting! Praise him with piano and guitar! Praise him with drums and dancing! Praise him with loud clashing of cymbals! Praise him upon the resounding cymbals! Let everyone everywhere join in the CRESCENDO OF ECSTATIC PRAISE! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! TPT/NIV

Psalm 22³ You are holy, you who INHABIT THE PRAISES of Israel. WEB

You are... ENTHRONED ON THE PRAISES...! NLT

GOD INHABITS THE PRAISES OF HIS PEOPLE.

HE DOES NOT INHABIT WORRY, COMPLAINING, NEGATIVITY, OR FEAR.

PRAISE ENTHRONES GOD OVER YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

PRAISE EXPRESSES YOUR FAITH AND TRUST IN THE LORD. THINGS YOU'RE FACING MAY BE TOO MUCH FOR YOU, BUT THEY ARE NEVER TOO MUCH FOR GOD!

7 DIMENSIONS OF THE POWER OF PRAISE!

PRAISE ENLARGES YOUR VIEW OF GOD! Psalm 69 says "I will PRAISE the name of God with a song and will MAGNIFY HIM WITH PRAISES" (vs. 30 JUB). When we look at something with a magnifying glass, our view of it gets bigger! When our view of God gets bigger, our view of problems get smaller. It's our choice whether to magnify problems or magnify God. Praise magnifies God and BUILDS OUR FAITH!

PRAISE LIFTS YOUR SPIRIT AND RELEASES GRACE! Psalm 42⁵ Why am I discouraged? Why would I be depressed? Why would I sink into despair? I will put my HOPE in God! I will PRAISE him again! No matter what, I will still SING WITH PRAISE, for you are MY SAVING GRACE! NLT/TPT

PRAISE IS SUPERNATURALLY ENERGIZING!

BECAUSE IT TAKES YOUR EYES OFF OF TROUBLES AND PUTS THEM ON JESUS!

PRAISE HELPS YOU FEEL GOD'S PRESENCE! God is always present whether you sense it or not. But, sometimes we don't feel his presence because we have been more focused on the cares of this world than upon God. When we don't feel God's presence is when we need to **PRAISE HIM THE MOST**. It's easier to ACT your way into a feeling than to feel your way into an action. **Maturity** is when we do what's right whether we feel like it or not. Psalm 140:13 says "Surely the righteous will PRAISE YOU no matter what happens. For they choose and cherish your **PRESENCE above everything else!**" NIV/TPT

PRAISE RELEASES THE PROPHETIC, REVEALING ANSWERS WE COULDN'T SEE. We ALL have things in our lives that we simply can't figure out on our own. Instead of exhausting ourselves, we need to remember that some answers will ONLY be revealed by time in God's presence. Psalm 73 says "Trying to solve this mystery ON MY OWN exhausted me. I couldn't bear to look at it any further. ¹⁷ Only when I came into God's holy place did I finally understand." (vs. 16-17 VC/GW) **Praise and worship** brings us into an atmosphere of wisdom and revelation!

PRAISE REMINDS US OF GOD'S BLESSINGS! Often when we're facing a big problem, it's nearly all that we can think about, which obscures the many good things in our lives. **Praise focuses our thoughts** on **PRAISEWORTHY THINGS!** It reminds us not to exaggerate our challenges, but to trust in God! Psalm 105 says "Give God thanks for all the GLORIOUS THINGS he has done! ...Worship him! ...Sing his praises... Make your joyful boast in Him...! Be happy and keep rejoicing no matter what... Never forget his MIRACLES and MARVELS... For though a thousand generations may pass away, he is still TRUE TO HIS WORD! He has kept every promise!" (vs 1-5, 8 TPT)

PRAISE ACTIVATES GOD'S PROTECTION! Praising God for answers to prayer BEFORE it happens is **REAL FAITH!** And faith releases God to fight for you. In 2 Chronicles 20, we read about three enemy nations who ganged up on Israel. The only chance they had was for God to miraculously save them. So, King Jehoshaphat organized a battle plan to release the supernatural. He put a choir in front of the army as they marched into battle. The Bible says as soon as the Israelites started praising God, confusion fell on the three enemies and they destroyed each other! **God wants to fight your battles too**, so **PRAISE HIM BEFORE YOU SEE THE VICTORY!**

PRAISE BREAKS CHAINS AND OPENS DOORS! You may have things holding you back. You might feel stuck, like very little has changed for the better. If so, there's no better time to praise God! Paul did that while he was in prison with Silas. In the middle of an impossible situation, they **SANG AND SHOUTED PRAISES TO GOD!** As they did, Acts 16 says that "The prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!" (vs. 26 NLT). This was a real-life miracle, but it's also a prophetic picture of what **God does when we praise him**. If you need to be set free from something, **praise God!** It will break the chains holding you back. Learn the habit of making praise your **FIRST RESPONSE** in everything you face. **As you do, watch and see what God does - IT WILL AMAZE YOU!** portions adapted from Rick Warren blog

Psalm 34 ¹ I will **PRAISE...** in **EVERY MOMENT** through **EVERY SITUATION!** vc