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The Power of Praise & Worship

2 Chronicles 20:18-22

- Jehoshaphat was 53 years old when he praised and worshipped God
- The enemies were defeated when they began praise and worship

Psalms 100:1-2

- The key to coming into his presence is praise and worship!

Psalms 100:4

- How should we approach the throne of God?
 - o Through thanksgiving! It is both an attitude and action

“Thanks” = Charis (Gk.) which means grace (To be favoured and strengthened by God)

“Thanks” in Hebrew means to extend your hands

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

- Be a thankful person! Don't quench the Holy Spirit

Philippians 4:6-7

- Give thanks in spite of the bad things
- Pray and mix your prayers with thanksgiving
- It builds up faith in you and triggers the power of God

John 6:11-12

- The miracle was triggered when Jesus gave thanks

John 11:40-44

- Thanksgiving unlocks the power of God
- Thank God for what He has done but praise Him for who He is
- Psalm 48:1 If you believe God is great, you'll praise Him greatly
- If your faith is great, your praise will be great
- Praise is the response of your faith in God

5 Praise Words – PRAISE IS NOT SILENT!

1. “Halal” – to boast loudly of God excitedly, enthusiastically and explosively
2. “Yadah” – to throw out the hand in praise

3. "Tehilah" – means to sing the praises of God spontaneously. No stopping. Singing with understanding and singing in the spirit. 2 Chronicles 20:21-22- The enemies will self destruct when you start to praise God
4. "Towdah" – means the sacrifice of praise! This is the highest form of praise
Acts 16:25-26 – They were singing so loudly! They offered their "towdah" before God and God moved for them
5. "Zamar" – means to praise God loudly with musical instruments

Praise is vocal, excited and public!

2 Chronicles 20:18

When you worship God, it is something royal!

- Worship is the attitude of the heart that is expressed through your body
- "Proskunio" – means to lean forward to kiss. This is the highest form of intimacy

Matthew 4:8-10

- Everything in life is based on who you worship
- Whatever/whoever we worship, we will end up serving