

CL Talks I Hope's Praise
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We all face problems in our lives because we live in a world that is, in most part, operating apart from God's direction and commands for our lives. Living in opposition to God produces a dangerous scenario for everyone. The Apostle Paul told us what the society would be like, in the last days of this earth, before the return of Jesus. 2 **Timothy 3:1-5; Proverbs 14:12 NKJV**

Jesus said that we would face difficult times and problems because of the world separating itself from God. **John 16:33 NKJV** (tribulation....a squeezing pressure, distress, burdens, persecution, trouble, calamities of war, a compressing pressure that affects mind and body)

As Christians, we have directives given to us by the Word of God and examples of how we are to handle this situations just described. **2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NKJV**.

One of these weapons is Praise!!! Hope's voice, when we are facing problems, mountains, and tribulation, is Praise!! **Psalms 42:5 NKJV**

Praise must be with understanding, **Psalms 47:1-7**

#1. Praise is understanding who God is, how powerful He is, what He has promised us, that He is faithful and has committed Himself to us to fulfill every promise that He has given to those who believe!! **Psalms 34:15-22 NKJV**

#2. Praise is declaring that God's Word is true, therefore I will praise in advance of my victory. **2 Chronicles 20:15-22; 1 Chronicles 16:34-35 NKJV** (Praise....Hebrew word, Toda=extension of the hand; adoration; a choir of worshiping people; confession; thanksgiving)

#3. Praise is my personal sacrifice of song and thanksgiving offered to God, while facing and in the midst of hopeless circumstances, reports, and problems that reach beyond my natural abilities and resources.

The sacrifice of praise is a declaration of His truth, it is praising Him and His promises. **Hebrews 13:15 NKJV**.

It is not declaring the negatives of my circumstances that confront me but giving Him glory and honor because of what I believe that He will do. (Abraham, Romans 4:19-21 (AMP) 19 Without becoming weak in faith he considered his own body, now as good as dead [for producing children] since he was about a hundred years old, and [he considered] the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 But he did not doubt or waver in unbelief concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and empowered by faith, giving glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God had the power to do what He had promised.)

Abraham never lost his praise even though he waited 25 years for the fulfillment of God's promise)

#4. The sacrifice of Praise, in the midst of my circumstances, is a beacon that signals heaven of my dilemma and initiates a rescue and deliverance mission that brings the power of God and angels into my situation!!! My sacrifice of praise is a sign to the devil that God is getting ready turn my situation around for my good. Psalm 27:6. Don't count me out as long as I have a praise!!! Some would say that's crazy!!! They would be correct because I'm going to give a crazy praise!! I will give God a offering of praise before I ever see any results but I know that my praise will result in me seeing good results.

Acts 16:16-33

What do you think that Paul knew that written in God's Word? **Jeremiah 33:10-11** (bring means to besiege, come at from all sides, to come and fall upon suddenly or to attack the enemy); **Psalm 50:23; 107:19-22; 28:7-8**

What are the result of his and our sacrifice of praise? **Psalm 18:3-7; Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5, 9-10 NKJV**