The Power Of Praise Hope From Above - (# 6) August 28, 2022 OPENING SCRIPTURE: Psalm 27:1-14 KEY VERSE: Psalm 27:14 TEXT: Acts 16:19-34 KEY VERSE: Acts 16:25 Acts 16:25 Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

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3) Made Free _____.

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No matter what trial a Christian faces or how the devil may fight, there is freedom in serving Jesus Christ. The Power Of Praise Hope From Above – (# 6)

When Christians praise the Lord, every burden lifts, every devil runs and every need is met.

But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel. (Psalm 22:3)

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1) Free <u>From Tradition</u>.

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, 21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. (Acts 16:20-21) The traditions of men usually form bondage.

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. (Mark 7:13)

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And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32) God doesn't want us bound by tradition, He wants us blessed by truth.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John 8:36)

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- 2) Cast Away But Not Forgotten.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. (Acts 16:23-24)

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This world may want to cast us away, but God will never forget us.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1) By the anointing of Christ the yoke of bondage is destroyed.

28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

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References

Isaiah 10:27

1 John 2:27

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3) Made Free <u>Through</u> <u>Worship</u>.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.
26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. (Acts 16:25-26)

It's not how wonderful you sing, it's whether or not you praise the Lord.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Philippians 4:13)

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: (Psalm 66:1)

References

Psalm 98:4

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Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises at the darkest hour.

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- 2) Cast Away But Not Forgotten.
- Made Free <u>Through Worship</u>.
- 4) Ready To <u>Testify</u>.

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28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: or we are all here.
29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said,
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (Acts 16:28-31)

God has moved in your life for a purpose, testify about the many blessings He has given you.

The Lord *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

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The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. (Proverbs 28:1) Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest. (Joshua 1:9)

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- 5) Salvation For <u>The Family</u>.

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32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. (Acts 16:32-34) God did not send His Son for just a few, He sent His Son for the World.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

Salvation is a family thing.

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Receive the wonderful freedom from God, found only by worshipping and praising Him.

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Claim your household.

Stand on the promises of God and receive God's manifold blessings. Concluding Scripture:

Psalm 100:1-5

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