

I. Introduction

The significance of our voice.

A. One of the most unique characteristics of human beings is that God created us with a VOICE.

B. God's Voice

1. **Psalm 29:3 (NKJV)** – *The voice of the Lord is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The Lord is over many water*
2. **Revelation 14:2 (NKJV)** – *And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps*
3. His voice is a creative voice.
4. His voice is a transforming voice.

C. When God created mankind, He gave us a voice.

1. God's plan was for his created man to use his voice like God's voice.
2. To create, to change, to transform.
3. Instead, most people use their voice in the negative sense.
4. Complaining, negativity, cursing, slander, etc.

D. As Children of God we should train our voice.

1. Train it to speak the word of God.
2. Train it to speak faith.
3. Train it to PRAISE.

E. The Voice of Praise changes circumstances.

1. The voice of praise declares God's ability over circumstances.
2. The voice of praise declares faith that God will see us through.
3. The voice of praise sends a message to our enemy of his defeat.
4. The voice of praise releases God's supernatural power into circumstances that are beyond our control.

F. Most Christians are NOT engaging in this powerful tool – The Voice of Praise. *Change this = change the circumstances.*

II. The Voice of Praise

A. Scriptures

1. **Psalms 71:8 (NKJV)** – *Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day.*

Psalms 71:8 (GNT) – *All day long I praise you and proclaim your glory*

2. **Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)** – *Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name*
 - a. **Notice – the fruit of our lips – words**
 - b. **Notice – continually – at all times**
 - c. **Philippians 4:4 (NKJV)** – *Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice*

B. Praise is more than just an expression of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Praise is a release agent of supernatural power.

1. **God's ability is released through the voice of praise.**

2. The enemy is shaken by the praises of God's people.
3. Your voice of praise is literally a carrier of God into your circumstances.
4. God is in the midst of the voice of praise.

Psalms 22:3 (KJV) – *But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel*

Psalms 22:3 (NLT) – *You are enthroned on the praises of Israel*

Psalms 22:3 (AMP) – *But You are holy, O You who are enthroned in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered]*

Psalms 22:3 (MSG) – *you are leaning back on the cushions of Israel's praise.*

5. The example of Jehoshaphat

2 Chronicles 20:21-24 (NKJV) – ²¹And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever." ²²**Now when they began to sing and to praise**, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. ²³For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another. ²⁴So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

- a. God was riding in on the voice of their praise!

- b. **2 Chronicles 20:22 (HCSB)** – *The moment they began their shouts and praises, the LORD set an ambush against the Ammonites, Moabites, and the inhabitants of Mount Seir who came to fight against Judah, and they were defeated*
- c. **2 Chronicles 20:22 (NET)** – *When they began to shout and praise, the LORD suddenly attacked the Ammonites, Moabites, and men from Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated*

6. Where God is ENTHRONED – Trouble is DETHRONED!

- Satan is dethroned
- Circumstances are dethroned
- Sickness is dethroned
- DETHRONE – removed from power; *remove from position of power or dominance.*
- a. When I give my voice to negativity – the negative circumstances are DOMINANT.
- b. When I give my voice to fear – fear is dominant.
- c. When I give my voice to praise – GOD IS DOMINANT and the circumstances must submit to HIS DOMINANCE over them.
- d. **Paul and Silas'** voice of praise gave GOD dominance over chains and prison doors.
- e. Complain and remain – praise and be raised!

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- a. The spoken word of God is as powerful as a personal visitation from Jesus Himself.
- b. Your mountain needs to hear your voice.

8. Ephesians 5:19 (NKJV) – *Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*

Ephesians 5:19 (TPT) – *And your hearts will overflow with a joyful song to the Lord. Keep speaking to each other with words of Scripture, singing the Psalms with praises and spontaneous songs given by the Spirit!*

KEEP YOUR HEART FLOWING WITH PRAISE!

KEEP YOUR MOUTH FILLED WITH PRAISE!

BY DOING SO, YOU WILL KEEP GOD IN THE FORFRONT!

Going before you into every issue of life!