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INTRODUCTION

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord...From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be Praised"

Psalm 113:1,3

✓ Anything the Good News dictates is foolishness to those who are lost, but to us, the doing of it releases the power of God.

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the POWER OF GOD"

I Corinthians 1:18.

There is no way you can use scientific measures to understand the truth of the gospel, because it is far above it. Science cannot authenticate the truth. God says: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." (Isaiah 55:8).

That is why we cannot use the wisdom of this world to authenticate the truth of God's word. You have to be spiritually-minded to grasp the things of God.

Embrace the foolishness of the gospel, so that your wisdom can be established

upon the earth, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men and His weakness is stronger than men. So whatever He tells you to do, do it, or you keep going in circles.

There is no ease outside the truth. Intelligence that is void of the truth is mischievous madness! A plan of the enemy to trap you.

Every truth carries some profit. It is the rod of God for doing signs (Exodus 4:17). Whenever you do what the Book says, signs follow, whatever God intended to happen happens. The Book says:

"Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him"

Psalm 67:5-7

This book examines the Wonders of Praise, which I believe is the missing axe-head that is making many Christians struggle through life, sweating.

Many wait on the Lord for seven days doing nothing but making requests and

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protests. It is time to start waiting on God to bless Him only! To write out a list of all He has done, and begin to bless Him for them: The several deaths you had died and never got buried. The several sicknesses you are totally free from today. The depression you were going through before that was almost running you mental, from which Jesus delivered you.

To take God for granted is to be grounded. You will make no progress.

Those who murmur and complain in the kingdom go in circles, they do not make progress. When you stop appreciating God, you start depreciating! Your way out is acknowledging what has gone before. Doing this will take you to where you are going.

The most outstanding miracles in the ministry of Jesus were direct products of remembrance of what was before.

I have not been worried for years! I just live a life full of thanksgiving and praise, filling my heart with music all the time, flowing in continual, conscious appreciation of God's goodness.

You can also reduce your sweat! In fact

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you can eradicate it!

**When you pray, God answers, but when
you praise, He steps in, in all His glory,
might, power and awesomeness!**

**It is time to discover the Wonders of
Praise!**

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Thanksgiving

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto
the Lord"*

Psalm 92:1

*Enter his gates with THANKS-
GIVING...be thankful unto him, and bless
his name"*

Psalm 100:4

Thanksgiving is an attitude of appreciation and gratitude to God for something received from Him or for what He has done.

By heaven's protocol, thanksgiving precedes praise. Only a thankful heart can be praiseful.

Thanksgiving is one of the major secrets of life. It is the cheapest way to live. It makes the devil crazy!

Thanksgiving adds colour to your Christian experience, and flavour to your Christian nature, as everything around you begins to respond positively. The enemy

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will then be forced to respect and honour you.

Thanksgiving is not an outward show, It must first have its root inside of you, before it can bear fruit outward.

If you want God to give you any attention when you pray, be relaxed. But how can you be relaxed except you are satisfied? Be satisfied with Him and show Him by thanking Him for all He has been to you.

FORGET NOT...

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Psalm 103:1-2

There's an adage in my dialect that says: "If you do not know how to think, you will never know how to thank."

Every time man is in problem, he tends to forget all the benefits he had enjoyed. To forget God's benefits is to provoke Him to anger, to grieve Him. If you forget His benefits, He forgets your welfare, your needs remain needs.

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Do not let your needs blind you, always take stock of God's blessings and goodness. Your ingratitude is the reason for your undoing. If you cannot see what He has done, you stop Him from doing anything more. The God you insult cannot be the source of your blessings.

When you give thanks to God for the things He has done, you remind Him of the things you do not have. Your forgetting His benefits makes God forget your needs. When you forget His benefits, He forgets you for favours.

What you do to God determines what He does to you, for whatever a man sows, that will he reap.

"And forget not all his benefits."

God is beautiful! He daily loads His people with benefits. He is faithful! If He daily loads us with benefits, then we must bless Him. When you bless Him daily, He will bless you daily. When God blesses you daily, no devil has the opportunity to curse you.

You do not bombard heaven with your needs. Rather, you approach the throne with hallowing words of grace, and the

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gates will lift up their heads, and favour will be released to you.

HIS BENEFITS

"Who forgiveth thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Psalm 103:3-5

These are daily benefits coming from the throne of God. But unfortunately people are not aware; they are not conscious of these amazing wonders of grace.

The priority blessings of God that will keep you blessing Him, are listed in the above portion of the scriptures. If you understand this at all, Satan will find it impossible to run you down.

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities..."

Your forgiveness cost Him His only begotten Son. To forget that, and to disregard it, is to grieve Him.

*Now, when did you bless Him last for forgiving you? But you have been blam-

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ing Him for not giving you a house, a car, children, etc. You have not blessed Him yet for what He has done, but you keep seeing those things He has not done.

✓Whatever a man sows, that he shall reap! If you bless Him, He will bless you, if you blame Him, He will blame you.

"who healeth all thy diseases..."

*When last did you sit down to bless Him for keeping you healthy?

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

The food He gives you to eat is good. Your face shows that you are feeding well.

It's time to remember that there's a place for you in the great beyond.

If every other benefit is lost, there is one that abides: *"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities..."* thereby providing you a place in heaven, for which you did not labour.

THANKSGIVING FOR MULTIPLICATION

For everything that must increase, God must be gracefully acknowledged. Jesus knew this spiritual technique, and used

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it often during His earthly ministry.

Anything you do not thank God for never increases. In John 6:11, we see Jesus in that powerful miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 men. As soon as He gave thanks, food came from wherever it was it came from, and twelve baskets were gathered as remnants. As soon as He gave thanks, acknowledging what the Father did before, He provoked Him to do it again.

It is time for your bread to multiply, and it will take genuine thanksgiving. Thanksgiving as a life-style will establish you in a ceaseless flow of signs and wonders.

Jesus gave thanks. If you and I will give thanks as He did, we will experience the same supernatural multiplication.

The reason you are reducing is because you are forgetful.

THANKSGIVING FOR MIRACLES

In John 11:41-44, at the grave of Lazarus, Jesus repeated the same spiritual principle, showing us how significant this forgotten weapon is in the working of miracles, in effecting signs and wonders. He said "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me."

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That was what brought Lazarus out of the grave. Those who give thanks do not need to ask, neither do they beg, they simply call. When you give genuine thanks to God, you neither ask nor beg, you simply call. Jesus gave thanks and then called, and he that was dead came forth.

You need the kind of spirit of thanksgiving that operated in Jesus, so that before every obstacle of life, you operate that anointing that will break the prison gates, and also bring the dead out of the grave.

If you want your dead position transformed, give God thanks. Lazarus came out of the grave after Jesus gave thanks! You will come out too! Your destiny will come out!

A precious sister's daughter was kidnapped from school. She just gave thanks to the Father. Everybody who came to mourn with her was surprised to hear her saying: "Father I thank you. Jesus is Lord! Jesus is good!" And they marvelled that while they cried, she kept giving thanks.

People can only cry with you, but only God can deliver you. So do what He tells you to do.

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That sister kept giving thanks, and mysteriously, her daughter was found after several, seemingly hopeless days. One of the sympathizers, who then could not understand the reason for the joy and thanksgiving of this sister, gave her life to Christ at the thanksgiving service.

If you want to recover what is lost, do the same thing. If anything is not working in your life, give thanks. This is a special honour from God. It will put an end to all complaining and murmuring.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"

I Thessalonians 5:18

In everything, as long as you still have breath in you, give thanks. The Lord spoke to me saying, "If you have lost anything, I am the reason why you have not lost everything." So what do I do? Give thanks!

If you genuinely give thanks, you will be a sweatless mountain-mover, because God will always be with you. And if God is with you, who can be against you? Before Him everything on earth trembles (Psalm 114:7).

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*God is always with a thankful heart

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When you have God as your sanctuary, when He becomes your shelter, your envelop, the obstacles of life are turned to miracles. Every barrier becomes a wonder! I tell you, not all winners sweat to win! You can excuse yourself.

FOR YOUR POSITION TO CHANGE

If God must change your position, thank Him for where you are now. Until you thank God for your motorbike, you will never get a car. Until you thank God for your car, you may lose it. Anything you complain about traps you.

You must thank Him for the food you eat and for the free water you drink, before anything better can come. Until you start thanking God for your business, it will not increase. Until you thank God for the food you are eating, it will remain the same, and might even reduce.

In Numbers 11, God gave the children of Israel free manna to eat, and instead of thanking Him for it, they were looking for 'flesh'. They started complaining, forgetting that they did not sow to reap it, they didn't farm to get it, neither did they need to cook it. It was heaven-baked, at no

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charge. They forgot all that. So God gave them quails.

"And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague"

Numbers 11:33

God can give you what you ask for, but not on protest. If you thank Him for what you are getting for free, you will not need to ask Him before He changes it.

The children of Israel never thanked Him once for the manna, so He did not change their menu for forty years.

If God must change your position, thank Him for where you are now. This is God's secret for changing man's position. It is time for your status to change!

WHEN YOU FORGET HIS BENEFITS...

In Psalm 78, from verse 40-72, we see how God reacts when we forget His benefits. God is provoked to anger. He is grieved. And when God is grieved, how do you escape? When you grieve God, He will grieve you, and who will deliver you?

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The wilderness experiences made the children of Israel not to remember God's benefits towards them. It is not easy to remember His benefits in the wilderness, except you have the light of the revelation of God. All you keep seeing is the wilderness, you forget the benefits of the past. And until you remember the benefits of the past, you will never leave the wilderness.

He did so much, yet they remembered nothing!

Look back now, and you will see how much of heaven's favour you have never acknowledged. The mercies of God have kept you alive, from road accidents, hazards, etc. Not to remember these things, and to start questioning and bombarding heaven can be very costly!

If there is any wilderness now, remember there were many deliverances before. If there is any desert now, remember there were blossoming gardens before.

As you remember and acknowledge that which He did before, He will get you out of where you are. Until then, your struggles will continue!

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We have provoked God enough. We have grieved Him enough. It is time to acknowledge His benefits, consciously and deliberately, daily. What has He not done? He has done all things well!

If you do not want to be stagnated, if you do not want to remain on the same spot and even deprecate, stop taking God for granted. Your complaining grieves Him. Your murmuring provokes Him to anger. If you hurt your helper, where will your help come from?

Let me conclude by saying that, when thanksgiving becomes the order of the day in your life, your life will have taste and it will have order. You will live an enviable, resourceful life. People will see Jesus in your life.

A life of thanksgiving is a life of sweatless and tasteful Christian experience. It is sweet! It is of God! Jesus lived a practical thanksgiving life and He never lacked.

Learn to focus on the past acts of God, to get your present needs met. Take your eyes off your needs, and focus them on God. Thank Him, if not for what He did in your life, at least for what you heard

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He did in someone else's life. What He has done is a proof that He is bigger than that your need.

If you will settle down to acknowledge Him, He will acknowledge you.

Because He blesses you daily, be determined to bless Him daily. Enter into a daily experience of genuine thanksgiving to the Most High God. The fetters of iron will be broken, the prison gates will be opened, and your freedom will be established. Though it seems like your midnight, it will become the dawning of a new day.

So fill your house with music.

Every time they call for prayer request, tell them you have none. Because you are thankful, you have God's presence. So you have the answer. Every time your 'Lazarus' is in the grave, something very dear to you, give thanks. It will come out! Whatever is in the grave will not come out until you give thanks.

Give thanks for what He did yesterday, you will compel Him to act today. Give thanks for what He did last year and com-

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God's presence is the answer to all your challenges

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pel Him to act this year. It is your choice!
Make the right choice today!

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Understanding Praise

Praise is appreciating God for His person. You just appreciate and worship Him for who He is. Your high rating of God causes His praise to flow from you.

It is a beautiful thing to give Him praise. Praise is comely to God. (Psalm 147:1). God is excited at praise. God is motivated, God is mobilized by praise. You can get God cheap with praise.

David, the man after God's heart, became God's darling by praise. God's heart was always with him. The whole of Saul's army could not handle him. If you want to see God back you up, live a life of endless praise. God will always be there. All those who seek your downfall will remain on the floor while you keep rising.

Praise will launch you into a life of endless miracles. You stop sweating and you start winning.

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Praise is a God-given weapon in your hands with which to humiliate Satan. It is God's medicine against the enemy. Every time you obey the law of praise, you silence your adversaries. It is free from heaven. Everyone who lives in praise carries authority with him because he has the backing of heaven.

Praise is the path of life. It is a winning ticket anytime. Ever sure! With the anointing of praise operating inside you, you become an all-round winner, in the battles of life.

Praise tunes you up to God. If you will yield yourself deliberately to the weapon of praise, it will keep you alive and well.

Praise is God's hotline. You can pray amiss, but you cannot praise amiss.

Whenever you come to a tough situation, give a tough praise. When you see gross darkness, bring gross light by giving God gross praise.

For anything that will take God, give it praise. Praise will disarm any devil from hell any day.

A simple obedience to the law of praise will hook you on to the miraculous line of life.

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To be 'thanks-full' is what makes praise genuine. If you are not thankful, you cannot be praiseful. You must first be thankful before you can be joyful, and you must be joyful before you can sing, otherwise your song becomes mere noise.

HEARTFELT PRAISE

"Is any merry? let him sing..."

James 5:13

Only a song that comes from a merry heart is acceptable to God. That is, a protest-free heart, an accusation-free heart, a heart that is bubbling like that of a baby, singing the heavens open.

Every time you praise God from the depth of your heart, your enemy is disarmed. It is the cheapest way to disarm the opposition. And it takes a childlike faith to keep rolling and dancing when it seems things are not working; to keep spinning in a dance when things are toughest. Genuine heartfelt praise brings you in contact with heaven's wonders.

Your heart is the good ground from which praise must flow. Nothing produces, including praise, except it is truly

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coming from the heart. So keep your heart. It is possible to be singing and dancing on the outside and sagging on the inside. Your heart is God's principal concern.

May your heart be hooked to the praise current! You will then see how helpless your enemies will become.

All that determines how much of God you experience is your heart. Is your heart really praising Him? Is your heart esteeming and exalting God? Because God responds to the state of your heart, not your acts. Ensure that your heart is right, that what you are doing on the outside, is exactly what you are doing in your heart.

God is looking inward, and because He is the only sure help, what He sees on the inside, determines every man's result on the outside. If only your heart will be praising God and thanking Him even as your outside is doing, you have crossed over. May you not dance a dance of vanity!

It is time to call your heart back home. That is where the key is. Set your heart, for that is where God is looking into.

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The cheapest way to deal with your enemy is to give God quality praise that is rooted in your heart. All your enemies will see you and run.

God who says we should praise Him is more than anything you can imagine. So let's give it to Him.

Only those who don't do it from the heart will not have a testimony. Praise, from the depth of the heart guarantees divine intervention any day, any time! When you live in the midst of praise, you live in the midst of diverse divine interventions.

Praise, straight from the heart always works. Until you do it right, keep at it, then heaven will intervene. That thing that looks like a burden, turn it to joy and praise and dance, and you will be out of it.

Check on any Christian who is ever-grateful, ever joyful, ever-singing, ever-praising, from his heart, that is a Christian who will always win, no matter the strength of the battle.

PERFECTED PRAISE

"Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength..."

Psalm 8:2

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In Matthew 21:16, Jesus qualified the secret of that strength.

"Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?"

People who walk in the realm of perfected praise, never suffer defeat. That is the realm David walked in. Not anyhow praise, but perfected praise, from the depth of your heart. Not a mere drawing near to Him with your mouth, but being connected with Him from your heart, in praise.

Satan cannot handle you when you walk in that realm. That is why he will do anything to drag you off it. He knows that your dropping off that frequency, gives him an advantage over you.

Watch carefully, the ever-winning Christians are the ever-praising ones. Everyone who withstood triumphantly, has that as their secret card, because the enemy cannot handle you when you live in the praise realm. This is because the praise realm is the realm of God. It is the realm of possibilities, for "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God" (Luke 18:27).

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The enemy is so envious of that realm, he does not want you to get there. He knows that, if he cannot get you off the realm of praise, he cannot handle you. So he tries everything possible to get you off that realm, so that you can become a cheap victim in his hands.

When we praise, we look away from what we think we do not have, to Who we have; because the One we have, holds everything together, and will always satisfy our hearts' desires. David never lost any battle, because he was praise-crazy, and in his 'praise-madness', he was always winning. Let us join him in his madness.

Allow the Holy Spirit to blind your eyes to what is not happening, and open them to what God is doing. As you allow that, everything that is not happening will start happening. That is the plan of God. You stop talking about enemies and you start talking about the good God.

As you praise Him, despise the obstacles. You cannot exalt God and your obstacles at the same time. Despise your crawling business, despise your threatening family, despise the mountains of

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your life and watch God level them up, as you exalt Him. When He steps in, the battle is over and will always end in your favour.

PRAISE IS A WEAPON

Praise is one of the most strategic weapons in spiritual warfare. Only what can overcome God will overcome the authentic power of the weapon of praise. Praise appears cheap, but it is very powerful, because it brings the Almighty on the scene.

The weapon of praise is handed down to us, to deal with the enemy, not just to feel good.

"...Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise..."

Matthew 21:16

"...because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger"

Psalm 8:2

Nothing is beyond the mysterious operation of the weapon of praise. It is powerful in every spiritual conflict, because it brings God on the spot. And when God comes on the spot, victory becomes cheap. For, "If God be for us, who can be against

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us?" (Romans 8:31). So all we need do is to secure God on our side, and nothing can be against us.

(Praise)

God's presence

Victory

TO GET GOD ON YOUR SIDE

"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel."

Psalm 22:3

If you want to secure God's company, in the midst of any conflict, just release yourself to praise, and God will be there in person, and on the spot. And when God comes on the spot, every devil gives way (Psalm 68:1-2).

It takes praise to secure God's presence, and God's presence is your guarantee for victory in the midst of every conflict. That is why the devil is after that weapon more than any other weapon.

Problem flees when God's presence is established.

"When Israel went out of Egypt...Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. The sea saw it, and fled; the Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs"

Psalm 114:1-4

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You do not have a problem. It is the lack of God's presence in your life that makes you a victim. Lack of God's presence makes you suffer all the troubles in life, for that is all you need for every Red Sea to depart at your appearance.

God's presence will mark you out. Every problem begins to get scared at your presence. Your appearance means solutions, because darkness has never discovered a resistance to light.

God is light, and every problem dwells in the realm of darkness. So when you carry light, darkness flees. When God takes over, you become a relaxed winner. When you stop praising, you start punishing yourself.

There are two worlds: the earthly world and the heavenly world. Only praising saints reside in the heavenly world, and that is the always-winning, ever-triumphant world.

THE WAY INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

God's presence levels the problems; but there is a way to get there:

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving"

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and into his courts with praise be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

Psalm 100:4

You get to His presence with singing. You enter his gates with thanksgiving, not with protests and complaints, and then into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless Him and you will carry His presence 24 hours of the day. Every sea will give way to you.

Be thankful unto Him, not protest-full, not complaint-full, or anger-full. When you are thankful, you become God-full. And when you are God-full, every devil is subject to your authority.

You do not need 40-days fasting to carry God's presence. That is affliction. You can protest for 40 days and still incur more wrath from God, but just being thankful makes you God's-presence-full. And when that happens, every devil will know you and give you your due respect.

The enemy does not yet have an answer to the weapon of praise. Every praising saint is a winning saint. That is why he will do anything to stop praise. He can let you pray and fast for 100 days, but

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just one day of praise can devastate him.

Only the enemy that can handle God can handle the weapon of praise. Because every time you praise God, He steps on, the scene and takes over the battle. This is why the enemy devotes time to get you off the praise frequency.

David fought more than any other king, but he sustained no injury. He won on every count, because he was too much for the enemy to handle.

He had the secret card: THE WEAPON OF PRAISE.

Friend, you can silence the enemy. You can fully disarm him! Use the weapon of praise!

PRAISE IS AN INSTRUMENT OF HONOUR

"Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new Song, and his praise in the congregation of saints...Let the high praises of God be in their mouth...This honour have all his saints"

Psalm 149:1,6,9

Praise is an instrument of honour put in the hands of the saints, to make living

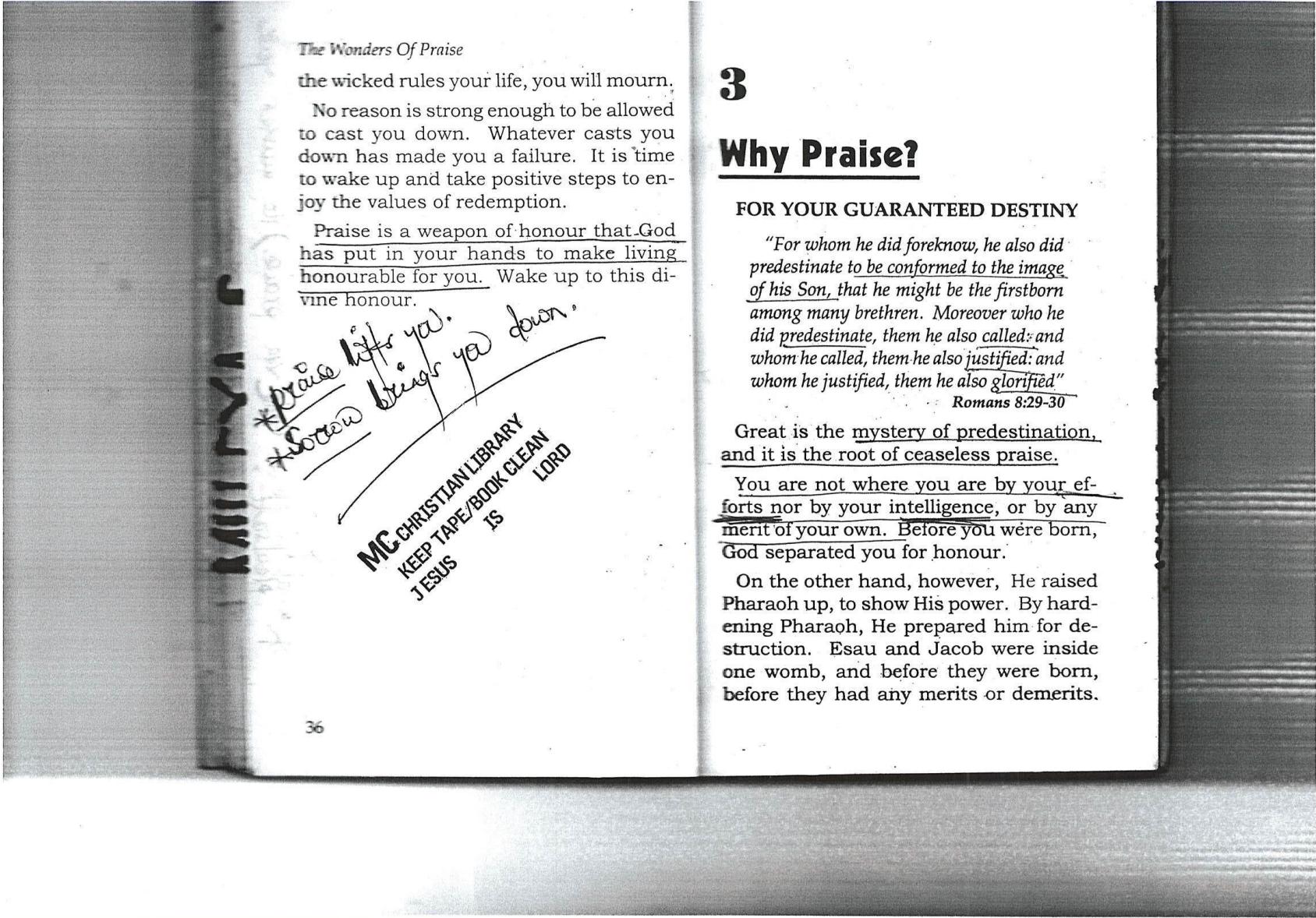
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honourable. It is a special honour bestowed upon the saints. As we exalt God, we endear ourselves to Him. David was a man full of praises and so was a man after God's heart, so God was always thinking about him, always programming for him, always there in his defence, always there to prop him up.

When God is pleased, the pains of life will be over. When He begins to think about you, and your life, when He stands in your defence, nothing can humiliate you. That is, without effort, every opposition on earth comes under your control.

It is an honour to you from God, that in praise, we execute judgement upon our enemies. When we are in praise, our enemies become helpless. That is why Satan is always against full-swing praise. It paralyses him. Not mechanised or worked-up praise, but one that springs like a fountain from within you and manifests on your outside. It puts every demon, every principality into chains.

You therefore need to fight heaviness, because heaviness will give the man of sin the government of your life, and when



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He made His choice: "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated" (Romans 9:10-17).

Jesus said: "...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). That God chose to draw you and I to Himself is an eternal choice made before we were born; you are God's choice on no merit of yours. Before you were born, He separated you to be loved.

You are God's choice for the hour. You are God's Jacob for the day! God's choice for this generation. Great is the mystery of predestination!

Anyone that finds himself in God's kingdom has only stepped into a prepared plan. Think of where you were before He found you!

I want you to take a firm root today, in this truth, so that your celebration will be unending. You are a vessel of mercy, prepared unto glory. You are designed and programmed, to be glorified, not for shame, for reproach, destruction, or for hell, but for heaven! And that; not by your own doing, for you were chosen before you knew yourself (Jeremiah 1:5).

You are a product of divine election. God

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has a programme to make known in your life, the riches of His glory. All you need do is to stay tuned! You are a child of destiny, with nothing to worry or bother about.

Let me ask you: What did you do yesterday to ensure that you woke up today? Please stay relaxed! You are not a child of chance. You are a most enviable creature.

When you are saved, you are saved from a life of unrest to that of rest. Do not kill yourself struggling to be an achiever. When God makes you, no devil can unmake you, and God has made you already.

If where you are now is not glorious, it is only a transit point, it is not your destination. That is why you must celebrate. Stay tuned! The One who called you is still at work to glorify you.

Now that you know your destination, keep celebrating! Keep praising God! Because He holds the key, and abides faithful, He cannot deny Himself. Keep celebrating, because if He has called and justified you, He must glorify you. Even if you cannot see it now, just keep celebrating. You are a child of destiny. You

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will end your journey glorified. For as long as He is at work, you will arrive at your destination.

The prodigal son was a child of destiny, but he was distracted, and deceived. He was called out of his zone of destiny to be stripped naked. Nobody must be allowed to call you out. You must be a man of spiritual principles, who knows where God is taking him to. You don't need any demonic connections to arrive there.

Separate from sinners in your business. You are a child of destiny, don't let them pollute your destiny. If that business will not let you stay tuned to God, leave it and find another one. He has a better one for you.

Stay tuned and walk in the reality of the fact that you are a child of destiny. You may be in Portiphar's house today, you will soon be on the throne tomorrow.

It is so beautiful!

Celebrate the fact that you are a child of destiny! God is never slow. Where He is taking you to, no effort of yours can get you there. Forget yourself and keep celebrating your destiny in God.

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An appreciation of the mystery of destiny will keep you on a praising track; an assurance that no matter where you are today, your destination is secured. Your journey on this earth will end with smiles.

Every time your praise rises high to God, your destiny rises even higher.

GOD LOVES PRAISE

God loves praise. "Praise is comely unto God" (Psalm 147:1). God is ever-excited at praise. That is what He loves. Praise is God's choice any day. He delights in praise. Every time you give Him praise, you touch His heart, you get Him excited.

Praise is the way to God's heart; it gets Him to empty His heart.

Let us look at a type of Jesus in the old testament, in the person of Isaac.

"And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son...Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; And make me savoury (meat) such as I

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love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee..."

Genesis 27:1-4

After he was given what he loved, Isaac poured out every blessing inside Him (Genesis 27:28-29).

Every time you give God what He loves, He responds with a heart-seated blessing. You can empty God's heart with praise, because praise is comely unto Him. It is like the venison Isaac requested for.

When God empties His heart on a man, no devil can stop that man! No witch can stand in his way, nor any authority dare him. His mere looks is a threat to the enemy. Even his appearance sends shock waves into his enemy.

Balaam was hired by Balak to curse the children of Israel. With all the anointing of a prophet upon him, he had no breakthrough in that assignment (Numbers 23:8). God had covenanted that any word Balaam spoke will come to pass, but he could not curse whom God had blessed.

If you want to secure the most profound and outstanding insurance in life, praise

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is your access to it. It moves God to empty His heart in your favour.

**PRAISE RELEASES
STRANGE FAVOURS**

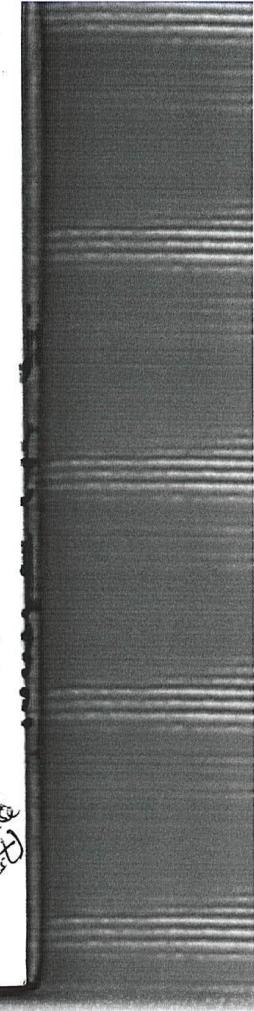
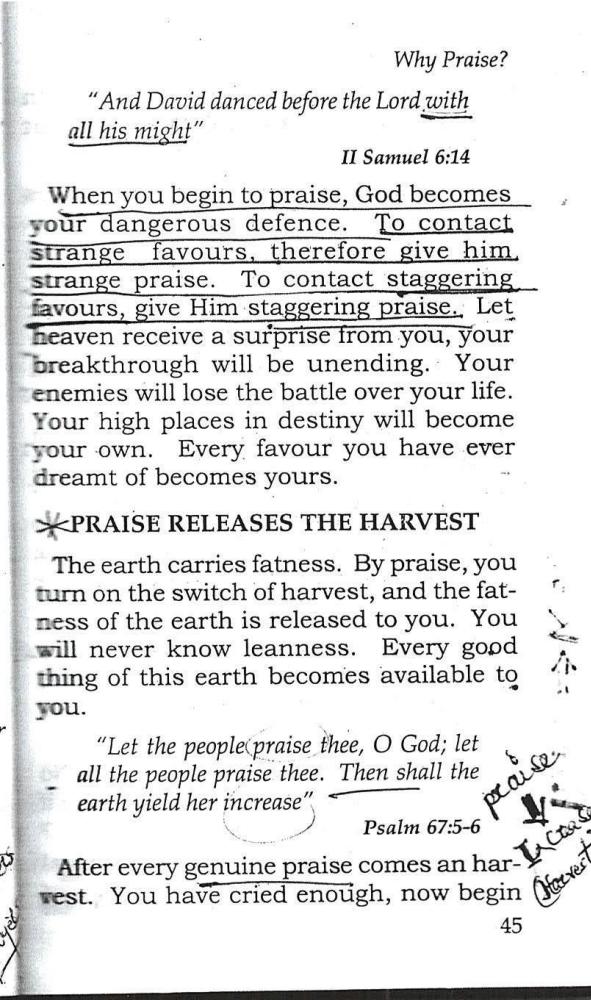
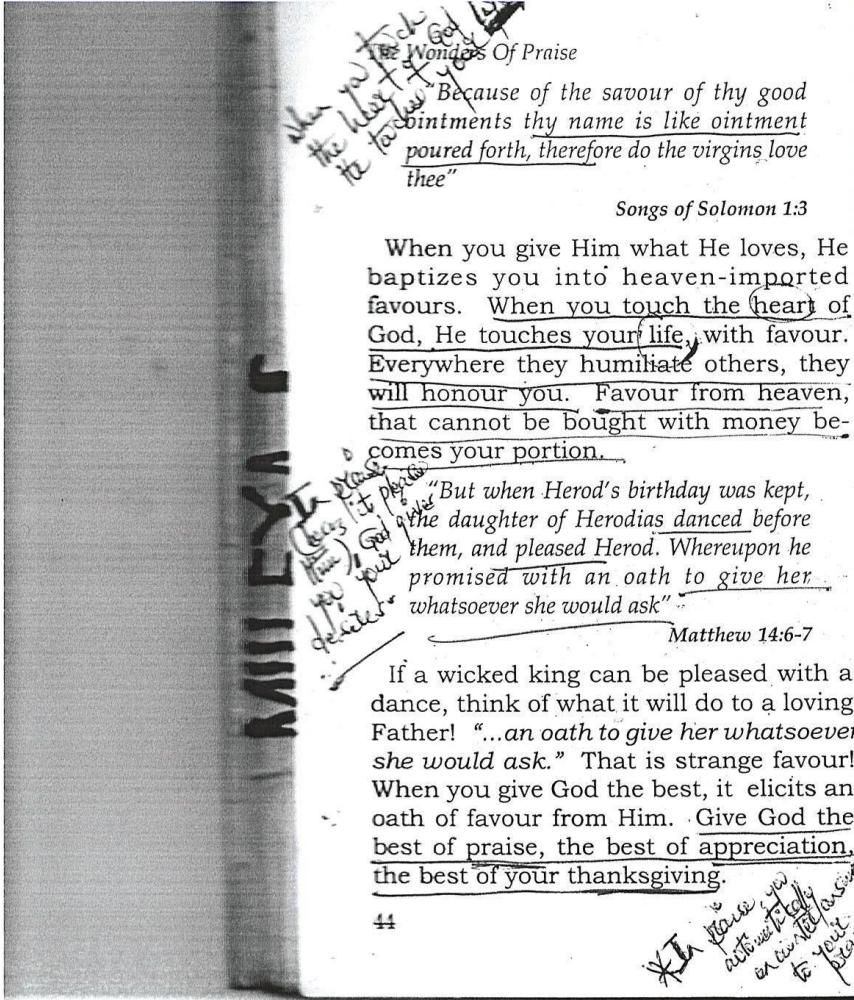
When you offer God quality praise, He sets you up, from where no devil can pull you down. The smell of your body changes to one that attracts favour.

"See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed"

Genesis 27:27

Everywhere you enter into, favour is magnetised to you. By virtue of heaven's blessings, you become a spiritual magnet that attracts any favour in the environment. Your smell commands blessings. Everywhere you are mentioned, your smell distinguishes you.

The dew of heaven keeps everything about you, every area of your life, from dryness—your family, your business, your career, etc.—because you have given Him what He loves. Every time you give Him what He loves, He calls you nearer to Himself, and a new smell comes upon your life.



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PRAISE → RAIN

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to praise Him, and as you do so, the earth will release the harvest of all the seed that are in it.

Anything that must increase requires that you praise. Nothing increases without thanksgiving. If your two fishes and five loaves must increase, you must never complain, otherwise it will finish. Thank God for your small status now, then the status destiny has in store for you will unfold.

* Everything that will have a future must start as a seed. So if you don't have seed before you have harvest, it will cease. If you want seed time and harvest time to cease, it is you that will cease. Thank God for seed time, then you will see the harvest.

✓ Do you want increase, don't let any present happening dislodge your destiny. Every smallness becomes greatness in the hands of praise.

Praise is the secret behind increase. No matter how much seed you have sown, if there is no rain, do you have increase? Until your seed is watered by praise, it will die in the earth. Naturally, whatever you put in the earth will only yield when it rains. If there is no rain, there is either a poor harvest or none at all.

If there is no harvest from your seed sown, it is because your seed lacked the rain of praise. "Let the people praise thee, O God...Then shall the earth yield her increase."

This means that not everybody will reap the harvest of their seed. No! Only those who praise Him will turn their seed to harvest.

"Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies, which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee"

Deuteronomy 28:47-48

Naturally, when you serve the Lord, He blesses you, but when you do not serve Him joyfully, He curses you.

Friend, it is time to allow your seed become harvest. It's not enough to sow,

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seeds, you must also let rain fall on them. → Praise is the rain of the spirit that turns every seed into a harvest.

Many Christians are fantastic sowers, but have never tasted harvest. Until you praise Him, the earth is not permitted to yield her increase! Engage in genuine thanksgiving, then you will discover that all that your seed lacked was rain. Let the rain fall!

Every Word of God you have heard is a seed. For it to become an harvest, give it rain. Praise is that rain.

The revelations you have received that are almost becoming confusion because they are not producing, is because you won't let the rain fall. Let the rain fall, and the devil will be put to shame forever!

* PRAISE BRINGS REVELATION

What you hear from man is mere information, but what you hear from God is revelation.) God reveals, man speaks. Quality praise and worship will bring the hand of God upon you and consequently, the Word of God will be unfolded to you, bringing revelations from heaven (II Kings 3:15).

← Release of the word releases God in our lives. Why Praise?

Psalm 119:130 says: "The entrance of thy words giveth light..." and I John 1:5 tells us that God is light. So, the entrance of His Word releases God into your mortal being and elevates you to the class of God (John 10:35). When God's Word comes into you, your status changes.

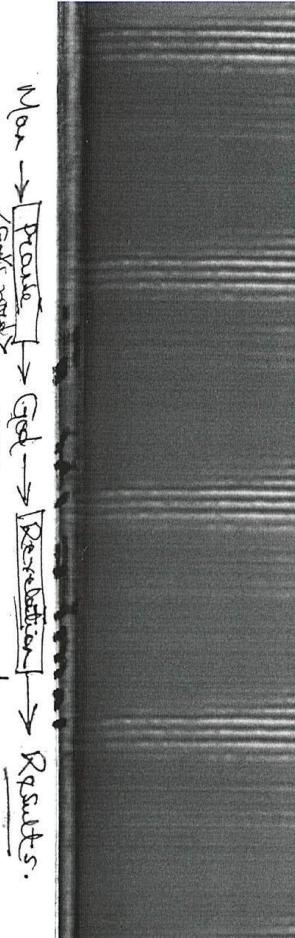
The penetration of the Word of God into the heart of a man releases God for performance. If praise enhances revelation, it means praise is the stepping stone to supernatural manifestations. How? It imparts revelation, which in turn helps you operate in the class of God.

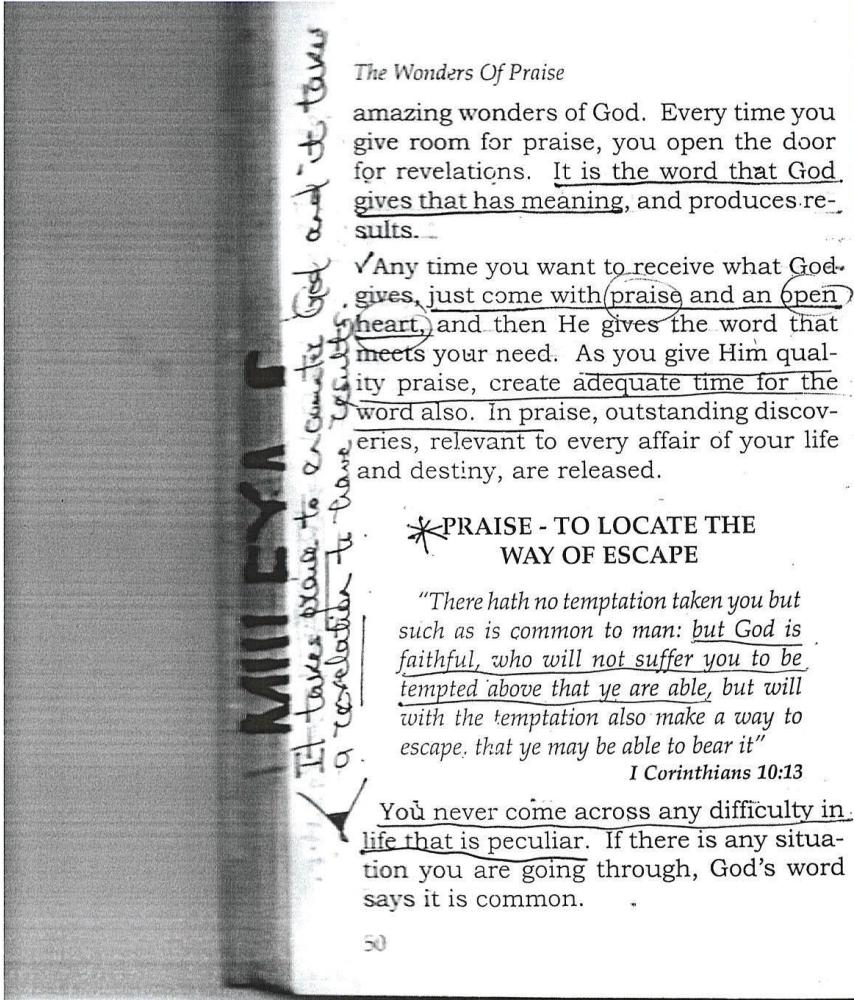
✓ If Elisha needed a minstrel to hear from God, then God is simply showing us that it takes a praiseful life to swim in revelations, and until you swim in revelations, you do not experience outstanding turnarounds. As you praise Him and read from His Word, light begins to dawn on you.

Every high-flyer in the Kingdom rides on the wings of revelation, not on communication, nor grammar, disposition, public image, or religious activities.

A praiseful life results in a word-consciousness that brings revolutions—the

*^(Cher) Revelation is little. Little goes to revelation. 49





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amazing wonders of God. Every time you give room for praise, you open the door for revelations. It is the word that God gives that has meaning, and produces results.

✓ Any time you want to receive what God gives, just come with praise and an open heart, and then He gives the word that meets your need. As you give Him quality praise, create adequate time for the word also. In praise, outstanding discoveries, relevant to every affair of your life and destiny, are released.

* PRAISE - TO LOCATE THE WAY OF ESCAPE

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it"

I Corinthians 10:13

✓ You never come across any difficulty in life that is peculiar. If there is any situation you are going through, God's word says it is common.

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The faithfulness of God; however, provides a way of escape. He shows you what way to go to escape. So there is a way out! But how do you get to know that way? Our blindness most times, is the main cause of our difficulties.

Remember there is no mountain anywhere. Every man's ignorance is his mountain (Hosea 4:6). Many are stranded because they cannot see the way out (Isaiah 42:18-20).

There is nothing you are going through now that is special: it is common. And inside that situation, God's faithfulness remains, expressed by His showing you the way of escape.

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life. In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore"

Psalm 16:11

How do you locate the path of life?
Where do you locate it?

It says "In thy presence..." The way of escape is available in God's presence. Satan knows this truth, so he gets you to your wits' end, because he knows that when you are at your wits' end, you are

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out of God's presence.

✓ You cannot contact God's presence without praise and you cannot locate the way of escape without His presence.

In any situation you find yourself, God's faithfulness guarantees a way out. But if you must locate that way, you must accept the weapon of praise as a weapon of victory which will convey you to His presence; from where you locate the way of escape.

No blind Christian has a future. If you must escape, you must praise! Because until you praise, you have no access to His presence, and until you gain access to His presence, you can never locate the way out. When you locate the way out in God's presence, all hell bows to you.

When the man of God, Elisha, needed to find a solution to a very serious problem in the nation, all he did was to ask for a minstrel.

"But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. And he said, Thus saith the Lord..."

II Kings 3:15-16

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Praise is it! Not complaints and protests! Every time you come to a cross-road, just tell yourself "there is a way out."

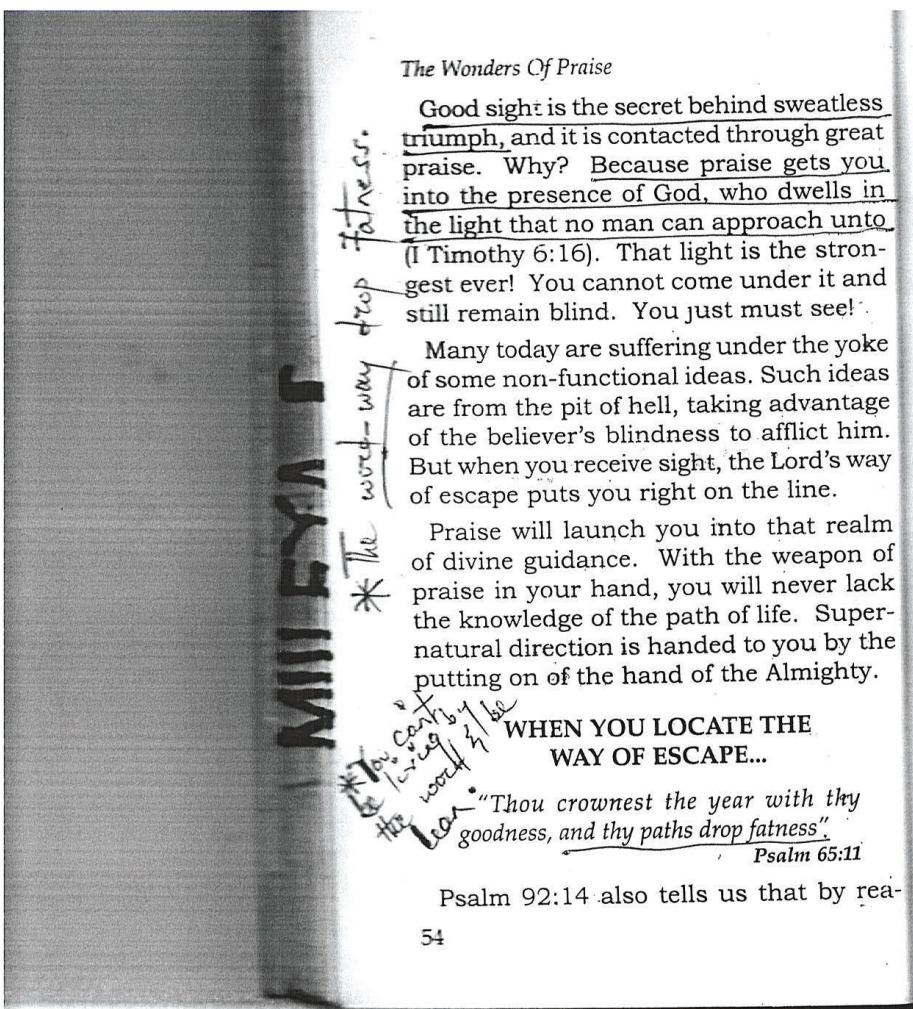
As the singers began to sing, Elisha received a word from the Lord. The word from the Lord is the way of escape. ✓

If you will sing the same way that minstrel sang, with melody in your heart to God, there will always be a way of escape, because God has not changed. The hand of the Lord comes upon you and you hear Him speak, showing you what to do, showing you a mysterious way of escape.

PRAISE MAKES FOR GOOD SIGHT

Every time you smell confusion around you, switch on to praise, and you will receive light from heaven. That light will show you the way out.

✓ This is what makes the difference between the winning Christian and a losing one—one sees very clearly while the other is blind. That is why we get different results, even when we are all doing the same thing. One is completely blind, while the other has full-blast light! He knows where he is going, he is too persuaded of it, and you cannot get him off it!



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Good sight is the secret behind sweatless triumph, and it is contacted through great praise. Why? Because praise gets you into the presence of God, who dwells in the light that no man can approach unto (I Timothy 6:16). That light is the strongest ever! You cannot come under it and still remain blind. You just must see!

Many today are suffering under the yoke of some non-functional ideas. Such ideas are from the pit of hell, taking advantage of the believer's blindness to afflict him. But when you receive sight, the Lord's way of escape puts you right on the line.

Praise will launch you into that realm of divine guidance. With the weapon of praise in your hand, you will never lack the knowledge of the path of life. Supernatural direction is handed to you by the putting on of the hand of the Almighty.

WHEN YOU LOCATE THE WAY OF ESCAPE...

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness".
Psalm 65:11

Psalm 92:14 also tells us that by rea-

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son of thanksgiving and praises unto the name of the Most High, you shall be fat and flourishing. When you locate the way of escape, He fattens you. He shows you the way to get results.

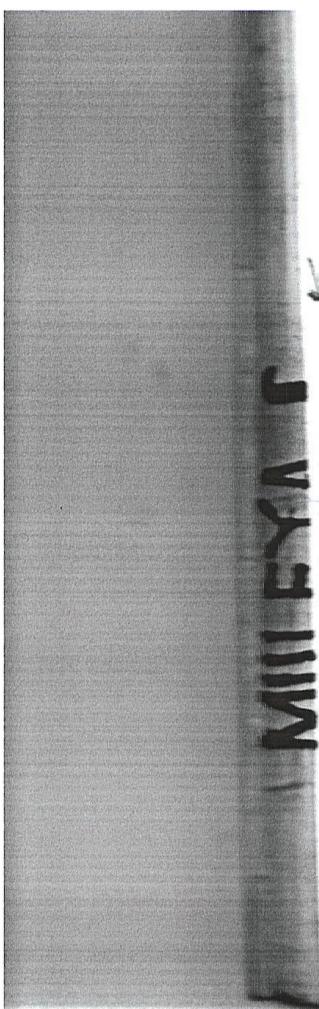
You cannot locate the way of escape and still remain lean. His path drops fatness. As you thank Him for where you are, believe to see where next you are going. His path drops fatness.

As you praise Him, you locate His path. When you locate His path, and you walk in it, you do not carry burdens and stress.

The path of God is very sweet. You are a peculiar individual. All you need to do is believe God for the wisdom of heaven in locating the way of escape at each point, you will find rest.

Every time you are wrapped-up in praise, the presence of God engulfs you and you locate the path of life, and when you go the way He shows you, you won't push, you just win.

There is no mountain anywhere! Everyman's ignorance is his mountain. But with God's presence, ignorance is



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defeated and revelation triumphs!

A praise-charged man is a man who will not be easily confused!

HELP FROM GOD VIA PRAISE

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"

Hebrews 4:16

Every help that man will ever need is obtainable at the throne of grace, and you have to be there in person. And to approach unto the throne of grace, you are required to make a joyful noise unto the Lord (Psalm 100:1-4), be terribly excited, serve the Lord with gladness, not protest.

When God finds offence inside you, you won't be allowed to come into His presence. Come before His presence with singing, not murmuring or complaining. You can't sing acceptably to God until you are joyful.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, not misgivings. You don't see God anyhow, neither do you see Him by crying. If you want help, you must follow heaven's protocol. ✓

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answers to
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*Boldly at the
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BE HAPPY

Serve the Lord with gladness. If you are not a happy son of God, you will never be a winning son (Deuteronomy 28:47).

✓ It is compulsory to be happy; in fact, it is dangerous to be sad, or gloomy. In God's kingdom, happiness is compulsory. Joy is a must.

If you must win, you must be joyful. Until you are joyful you cannot be praiseful, and until you are praiseful, you cannot be 'win-full'.

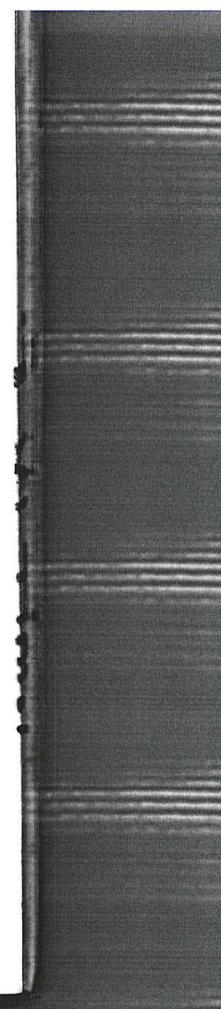
Be thankful to Him and bless Him, then you will find help.

If there is any area you need help, praise and dance your help in. Heaven's protocol cannot be violated. ✓

Some have been praying for long, God has not heard once, because they violate the protocol. They come with crying, murmuring, complaining and misgivings and so they remain outside the gates.

If you will be established in the realm of praise, you will not see defeat anymore. ✓ David never lost any battle, never suffered any injury, nor lacked direction. He was a permanent high-flier. God set him up

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as an example for us.

Be happy! Every time you are broken, you lose! Satan steals from you. You lose some precious things that pertain to your heritage. Every man is broken from the heart and so can only be lifted from the heart. ✓

Jesus came to bind the broken-hearted. Everybody you see broken in the face, has first been broken in the heart. But when God plants a ceaseless melody in your heart, you are a ceaseless winner.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord"

Colossians 3:16

Joy unspeakable, melody in your heart, will keep you winning.. Whatever the enemy desires to steal from you, you can recover with praise.

If you let the depression in the environment get to you, it is your fault. Any time the devil hits you with failure, gather yourself together, get up, and hit him back with success! You are born to win!

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PRAISE: YOUR INSURANCE AGAINST THE ENEMY'S ASSAULTS

"And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, that Michal, the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw King David dancing and playing and she despised him in her heart"

I Chronicles 15:29

✓ When you enter into the realm of genuine high praise, none of your enemies are safe any more. They are permanently disarmed, because you have put on God. So whatever is done against you is done against God, and it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Michal was the only woman in the Bible that never had a child. She was under God's curse for despising David.

It was not David dancing. He was putting on God. So when Michal despised him, it was God she despised. You become a dangerous warrior when you are fully armed with praise. Nothing escapes your judgement.

Enough of being a loser! Do what it takes to be an all-time winner. It takes

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Putting on God.*

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genuine praise, without self-consideration, to get to the heart of God. And when you get to the heart of God, you are secured on the earth.

While David danced with all his might before the Lord (I Samuel 6:14), God was taking care of all who despised him in their heart, including his wife.

Every enemy of a praising Christian will go to hell, because of the fury of God's judgement.

Praise is your insurance against all assaults of the enemy. Praise, genuine high praise, is it. When you are praising God, all your enemies are under arrest!

PRAISE FOR DIVINE INTERVENTION

Every time people are at their wits' end they say: "It will take God!"

- ✓ Whatever will take God in your life, will take praise, because God will not come until praise is there.
- ✓ It takes praise to get God on the scene, and it takes God for every mountain to vanish. It takes God for every Red Sea to give way and for every Jordan to be driven back. When you give praise, God steps in person.

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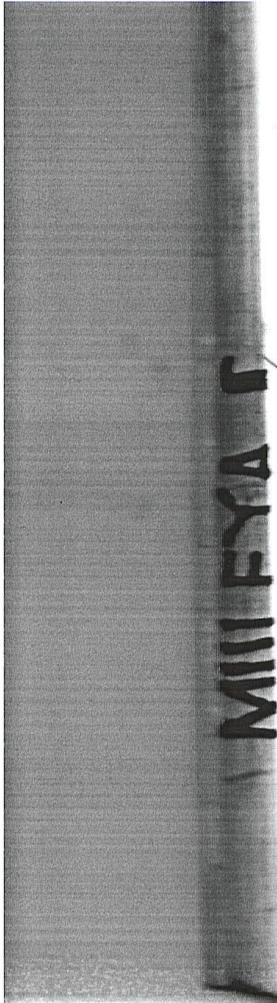
The enemy knows this. So when you come to a very difficult situation, he sets you vibrating and fretting, murmuring and complaining. He sets you to expect the worst!

"So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city"

Joshua 6:20

God did not only pull down the wall, it fell down flat! Because God's power is incalculable. God's presence is equal to any battle. When they blasted the long blast on the trumpet, the man of war descended!

As we were praising and worshipping God in one of our services, there was a man with a withered hand in our midst. Somebody walked up to him and pulled his hand. He did not see the person, but it was the owner of the Church Himself! Jesus Christ! The invisible Governor of



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the whole earth. He reached out to the man, pulled his hand, and the withered hand received life.

Also in the midst of that praise session, was a lady who had some terrible scars from a fire accident. Someone walked up to her and said "Embrace me!" And as she rose to embrace the invisible guest, all the scars of the fire burns vanished!

Nothing on this earth will require more than God to bow, because the creature cannot be greater than its creator. Nothing on earth will be too much for God to handle.

✓ When you come to your wits' end, God is the one to turn to. But for God to turn to you, you need to give Him praise. This is an all-time mystery!

In the midnight, in the midst of hopelessness, where only God could help, Paul and Silas knew how to get Him on the scene. They turned on the switch of praise, God came down in His majesty and there was an earthquake which threw the prison gates open.

If anything is not working and you want it to work, bring God in. Until you bring

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Victory, every time Why Praise
any day.

God into that helpless situation, nothing happens. You have struggled enough, don't die in your struggles! Let Him take over! When God steps in, the battle changes hands, and you are sure of the end, because He always wins.

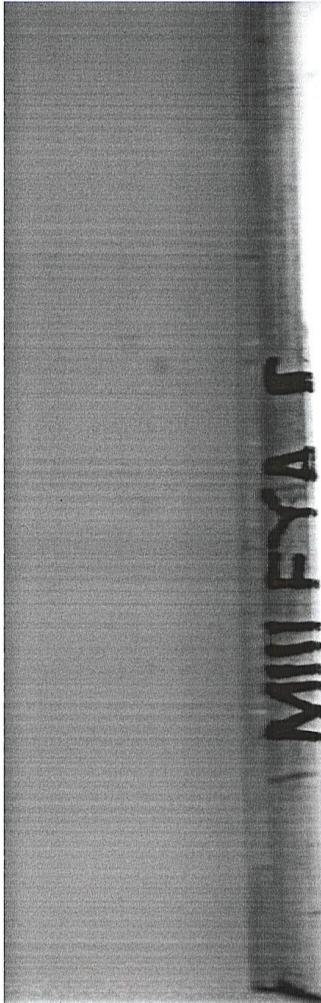
Whatever will take God only requires praise. Give Him praise, and He will take over, and as He takes over, the victory is decided; the battle is won and you are declared the winner.

Friend, it works!

Every time a situation demands God, it only demands praise. Whatever will take God to move, is only asking for praise, for when praise starts, God comes.

Every time you get to a point where it will take God, all you do is give praise, and mean it from the depth of your heart. God will step in.

Remain relaxed and excited at God! If anything is fighting you that seems greater than you, let it face God. Is there anything that is greater than God? With God, all things are possible. He can turn any situation around, any moment, in your favour. A praiseful life terminates



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all impossibilities. It brings God on the spot. Things begin to work in your favour.

✓ When you get to a crossroad, do not complain; start praising, start dancing. If you will only bring God in, you will discover that it is not true that you are in a hopeless situation. It is the devil's lie! Every impossibility of your life simply requires God and that will be the end of it.

Welcome to the winner's world! Stay tuned. It is your turn to reign!

PRAISE TO PASS ON YOUR BATTLES

"...for the battle is not yours, but God's...Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you...for the Lord will be with you...And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten"

II Chronicles 20:15-22

To transfer the battle from your hand to God's hand, praise is the price to be paid. Praise guarantees a struggle-free life. When God is with you, you do not fight

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anymore. You have fought enough!

We are not contending with flesh and blood, so there is no way you can use flesh and blood to deal with those things. You need the God of all spirits to stay the hand of the wicked.

Transferring the battle from your hand to the hand of God makes you an endless winner. God can never lose in any battle.

The life of praise is the sweetest life-style. God's presence follows you, with a peculiar aroma. God's presence so dominates the atmosphere, that in your life, problem loses its identity.

Let's bring God back on the scene, and the struggles will seize. That's all you need!

"When they began to sing and to praise..." Not when they began to cry and complain, the battle was taken from their hands and placed in God's hand.

Please, transfer your battles! Pass your battles on to God with praise, and you will have rest, because you are sure of winning.

When you praise Him, the light that no man can approach unto dominates your

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environment, and humiliates every form of darkness. There are some battles you will never be able to handle till you die, but there is no battle God cannot handle. Pass it to Him. No battle can be an embarrassment to God.

If you do not want to keep struggling, hand your battles over to Him. And you do not pay money for it! All you pay is praise.

Give Him adequate praise. Let it well up in you as a fountain, and you will find Him in action. When God takes over your battle, His fearful acts are made manifest, His name is glorified, and you have sweatless triumph.

Every time you want to have it done, bring praise, He will step in. As they began to sing and to praise, the Lord took over, the battle changed hands, and the victory became sure. Every time your battle is transferred to God, the victory is secured. The All-Mighty God, never loses a battle.

Dance and praise God for who He is, then He takes over to make you who you are created to be.

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Until you begin to sing and to praise, you will remain in the struggling zone of life. But when you begin to sing and to praise, the Almighty will set ambushments against your enemies. You will not need to shoot an arrow, you will only see the salvation of the Lord your God. The enemy bows out.

This is top secret. It will remove all your sweat and turn it to sweet. It will remove all the stress in your Christian experience. It will put you where God has ordained you to be.

PRAISE FOR YOUR FREEDOM

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 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 is time for the gates that shut you in to fling open! It is time for the chains that bind your legs to be broken! It is time for your hands to be loosed!

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All you need do is to obey Him. At the midnight of any crisis, sing praises aloud. You will find the intervention of the Most High bring you into the realm of the supernatural.

Paul and Silas sang praises aloud and the prisoners heard them. It was shameless praise! Not civilised praise. In the midnight of their trouble, they knew the way out. They sang praises, they did not cry complaints.

All you need for God to step in and take charge is to sing praises aloud. You have prayed and prayed, nothing happened! Something is missing. Sing praises aloud!

Every prayer that is not baptised in praises will never receive heaven's attention (Phillipians 4:6). Praise must precede and end any prayer. That is, every prayer must be enveloped in praise, to ascend to God.

They prayed and sang praises aloud and the prison gates gave way. If you do the same, your own prison gates will give way too. Read these testimonies from our church in Lagos:

"I have been suffering from severe men-

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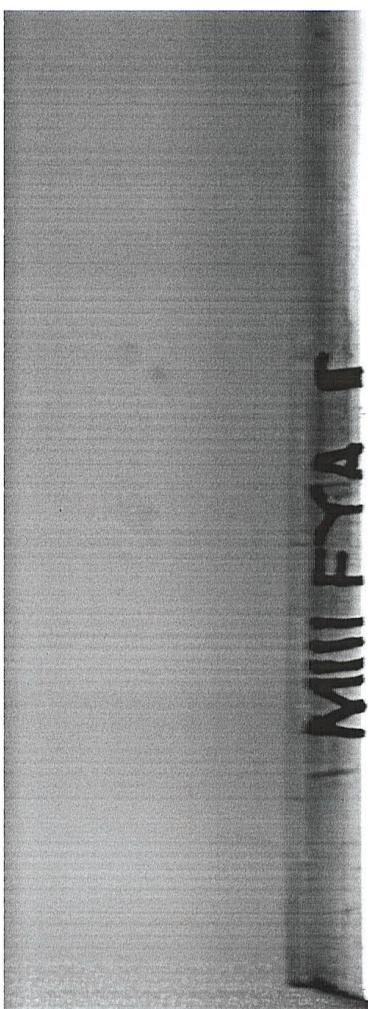
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strual pains since 1988. Such pains that keep me indoors during my periods. None of the drugs prescribed was able to help me. It was like that until I became pregnant and had my baby.

After the birth of my baby, I was again gripped with fear as I waited for my menstrual period. But by the Bishop's instruction during the Hosanna Night, I danced as much as I could, expecting God to do something great for me. When I got home in the morning, I saw the trace of blood. But to the glory of God, for the four days of my menses that followed, I was as normal and as peaceful as can be. It was not a coincidence, I knew it was God, that did it!

And here is another one:

"In March this year, I noticed a lump in my breast. It got me so discouraged, because both my mum and a friend of mine had the same thing and had to be operated on. I refused to tell anyone about it. But in June, I summoned-up enough courage and I showed it to my elder sister. She was stunned! She said: 'What is this? Where did it come from?' During the Ho-



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sanna Night, I faced the altar and danced my heart out! I was determined. From then, the lump kept diminishing. By the 5th day, it was the size of a corn seed. Now it has completely disappeared! I thank God for saving me from shame!"

You see, the enemy cannot stand a praising believer! The witches cannot either. Wizards cannot harass an ever-singing, ever-rejoicing Christian. Why? God's presence with him is guaranteed always. And if God be for him, who can be against him? That is the platform on which to win without sweat, because God begins to fight the war, and you are no longer involved in the battle.

{ If there is any area in which you are experiencing bondage, let the Almighty step in as you dance your 'dancest' dance and sing your loudest song, and swing your toughest swing before the Almighty God, and watch the chains fall off.

When you sing aloud, you mess-up the devil. He respects you for who God has made you to be. He will not be able to stand you any day, any time.

Praise will free you from every prison

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you have been locked-up in and make you a dignified liberated individual!

PRAISE FOR SUPERNATURAL LIFTS

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation...and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me walk upon mine high places"

Habakkuk 3:18-19

Praise gives you a supernatural lift that gets you to your place in destiny. By destiny you are created for high places not for low places.

Read the story of Joseph carefully. His dream was almost thwarted, but he refused that. He was the happiest man ever. As a houseboy he was the most colourful ever. As a prisoner, he was the most excited ever, because he saw what was ahead of him. And He got there!

BE OF GOOD CHEER!

Jesus said in this world you will have tribulations, but "...be of good cheer" (John 16:33). That means, you will not experience any victory until you are of good cheer. No matter where you are to-

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day, if you are not of good cheer, you will never see victory.

Even if nothing seems to be happening now, because you know better than Satan, thank God for what has happened before.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee"

Isaiah 43:2

There is a place of water, there is a place of fire, but God said, they are not meant to destroy you. They are to prove you worthy for where you are going. All you need do at such times is to be of good cheer, because He has overcome for you.

If you must see your high places, there are things to pass through to get there, and those who know this fact are not defeated along the way. They do not give up. Rather they rejoice, because they know the end already—that it will always be in their favour.

You must keep rejoicing in the Lord until

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you get to your high place.

Your destiny is glorious. Your failure today, is not your destiny. It is a transit position. You are merely passing through it, you are not dying there!

There is a high place for you in God, you must get there. Until you arrive at that glorious destination, you are not there yet. Whatever negative thing you are passing through is just a transition. If you can see the end, nothing in the middle will distract your attention.

"Jesus...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God"

Hebrews 12:2

Please be awake! Your destiny is glorious! Praise is the flight that takes you through the transit position, to the glorious end.

Keep praising Him, your high places will come through! Just get excited in God, continually, and everything will fall into their respective places.

Show me an ever-excited believer and I will show you one with a bright future.

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He does not need strength to win. Why? Because when you are joyful, you will be praiseful, and when you are praiseful, God's presence will always keep you company. And if God be for you, who can be against you?

✓ As long as your joy is intact, your destiny is intact! God will only raise those who praise Him. (The power to rise is in praise.)

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"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High. To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night... (then) my horn shall thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil"

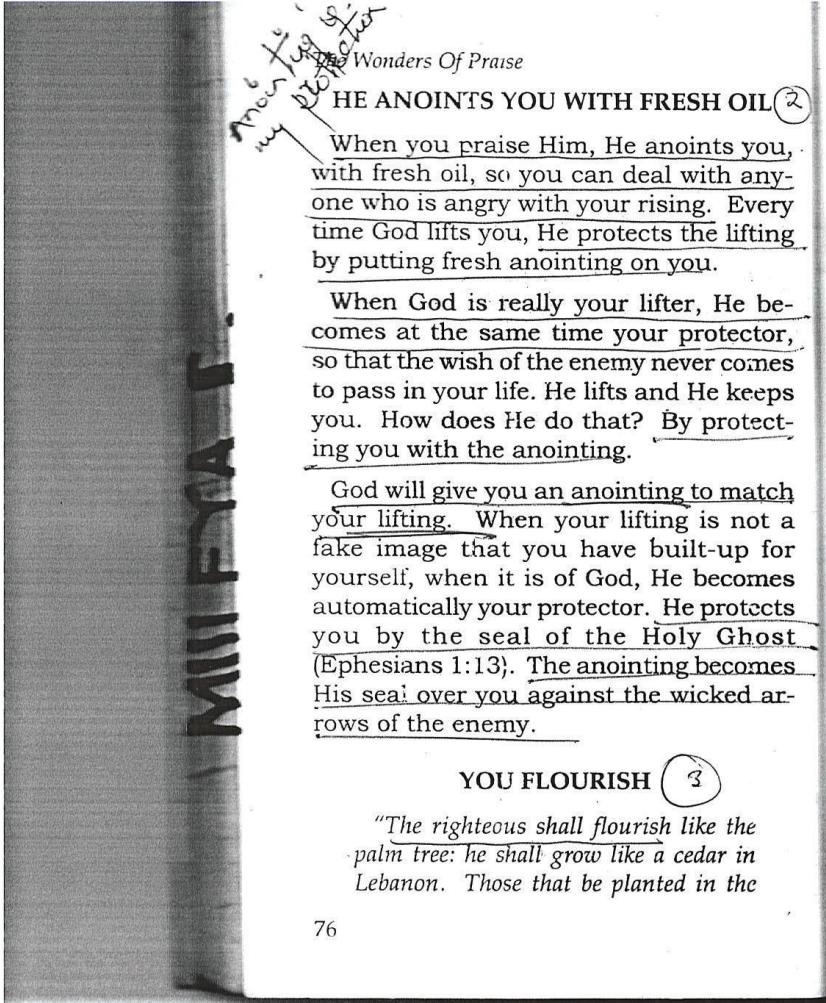
Psalm 92:1, 2, 10.

HE EXALTS YOUR HORN

It is a good thing to live a praise life, a life of appreciation unto God for His great works and His deep thoughts.

When you give Him thanks, you exalt Him, and He in turn exalts your horn, like that of the unicorn. It is a good thing to praise the Lord because it is God's secret card for lifting you.

*The one (you)
appreciate is the one
who favours
you.



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house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God"

Psalm 92:12-13

As you do what He has asked you to do from your heart, you grow unto unlimited heights. That means, there is no limit to the height of a genuine praising saint, who just thanks God for everything! He is happy with God, excited at God, trusting God enough to praise Him for any happenings in his life!

YOUR STRENGTH IS PRESERVED (4)

"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age..."

Psalm 92:14

Praise preserves your strength. Through praise, David's strength was preserved to a ripe old age, causing him to see his son to the throne, and even announce the day of his death (I Kings 1:48, 2:1-2). At 70 years, he was still super-sound.

That is what praise does. It is the salt of the spirit (Proverbs 17:22). It preserves your system, keeps it healthy, strong and sound! You are too young to be managing your body. If you are going to pro-



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duce fruit in old age, it must show now.

As you praise Him, you obtain strength (Psalm 8:2, Matthew 21:16). Perfect praise brings about perfect strength, and perfect strength wards-off the enemy. It silences the enemy. When you are robed in praise, problems cannot stand your look! The enemy can't dare your face.

HE BEAUTIFIES YOU

"Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints...Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation"

Psalm 149:1-4

As you praise God, as you dance before Him, He beautifies you.

It takes the meek to sing a new song, and to dance before God. And when they do that, He said He will beautify them.

No one can dance on your behalf. You have to do it yourself. Then He beautifies you. You shine everywhere and anywhere, because God's presence is with you.

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No one can do the business of praise for you. No one can credit your account with it! You have to do it yourself, for yourself, by yourself, unto God.

It is one thing to praise God in a song, and it is quite another thing to praise Him in a dance. When you praise Him in a dance, He does fearful things.

Every time you give Him what He wants, He beautifies you. Every ugly part of your life is replaced with beauty when you praise Him in a dance and sing aloud to Him.

THE UNBEATABLE COMBINATION!

The anointing plus the presence of God equals unquestionable triumph!

"How God ANOINTED Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; FOR GOD WAS WITH HIM"

Acts 10:38

The anointing plus the presence of God, were the two things responsible for the dominion Jesus exercised on earth. If you want to enjoy dominion, this is the se-

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cret. You become unquenchable! No force from hell will be able to quench your destiny!

God's presence eradicates every negative force. Wherever you stand, if you are a praising saint, God's presence will distinguish you.

Joseph was a forgotten prisoner, the most hopeless of them all, but the most excited. Joy guaranteed God's presence in his life, which distinguished him, both in Portiphar's house and in the prison.

"In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore"

Psalm 16:11

You cannot have pains when you have His presence. His presence eradicates all pains.

✓ Praise is equal to God's presence anytime, any day, because He inhabits the praises of His people, whether they feel it or not. When you are into praise, you are into His presence. That is unbreakable scripture!

With a combination of the anointing plus

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the presence of God, you must become authority-conscious, and the enemy will be silenced for you. You will walk in continual dominion. This is the mystery for the exercise of dominion. Whatever you say against Satan, sickness, failure, frustration and so on, becomes final.

You become an unchallengeable entity in the spirit world, and in every conflict of life. You are set apart for dominion!

TO ENTER INTO THE REALM OF PRAISE: Lose An Achiever's Mentality

One of the things that will keep you on the praise track is to acknowledge what God says you are worth. Without Him, you and I are absolutely worthless. He is our worthiness.

When you know you are worth nothing without Him, there will be an automatic flow of praise from you to the one who makes you matter at all.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise,

*Seest thou not that God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the wise?
To confound the wise
To think dead
To think dead*

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and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty...That no flesh should glory in his presence"

I Corinthians 1:26-29

Whatever you are now is not an achievement. It is by His grace. Every time you see anything in your life as an achievement, you are on your way to losing it.

We are all beneficiaries of the manifold grace of God, not achievers. This understanding will create in you a ceaseless flow of thanksgiving to God.

Stop struggling to be an achiever. Your efforts cannot beat the grace of God.

When you lose an achiever's mentality, you enter into the realm of ceaseless praise.

The presence of Jesus is the reason behind your distinction. Jesus is the reason for the value that you have today. It is time to come back to the consciousness of our worthlessness, so that we can appreciate the value of His presence.

✓If they are clapping for anything you did today, it is Jesus in you that they are clapping for. In this kingdom, nothing is given

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you on your own merit as it were, but by grace. So let us acknowledge Him. He is the glory and the lifter up of our head. So if He must keep lifting us up, we have no choice but to keep lifting Him. You are not anything you are today by chance, you are everything you are by God (Psalm 44:1-8).

God is the reason for every praise-worthy thing in your life. You are what you are, not by your strength, nor by your swiftness, neither is it by your smartness. It is predestination! (Ecclesiastes 9:11). He chose you and drew you out of struggles into rest.

As long as you keep praising Him, you are free from struggles. Jesus said in John 5:19, "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do..."

Every time you return triumphant from any involvement and engagement, remember it is God that is at work.

You are running a programme of destiny whose termination is in glory. This will give you an attitude of joy, a sense of appreciation, a sense of jubilation and a sense of gratitude.

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God is the doer of every good thing in your life today. It is dangerous to appropriate the doing of God to your person. Do not allow your position destroy you, like it did Nebuchadnezzar and Herod.

You are a non-achiever, you have no credit to whatever you have or see around you. Those who know that what they are and what they have come from God, cannot but show it in all that they do.

God is your lifter! You could not have lifted yourself. He has lifted you so you can keep lifting Him. If you keep lifting the One who lifted you, you will never go down.

Be Godfull

To be thankful is to be God-full, because God inhabits, and fills-up the praises of His people. And to be God-full is to be victorious. Because if God be for you, who can withstand you? Who can dare you?

Israel was thankful and full of melody in their hearts. This was the signal that brought about the fullness of God in their midst (Psalm 114:1-7). To be God-full is to be 'win-full'. The sea saw them and

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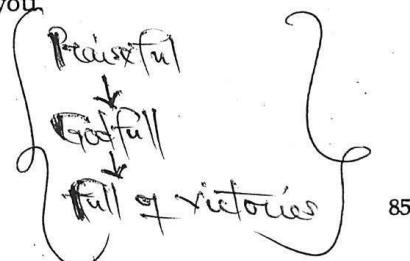
fled. The mountains skipped like rams.

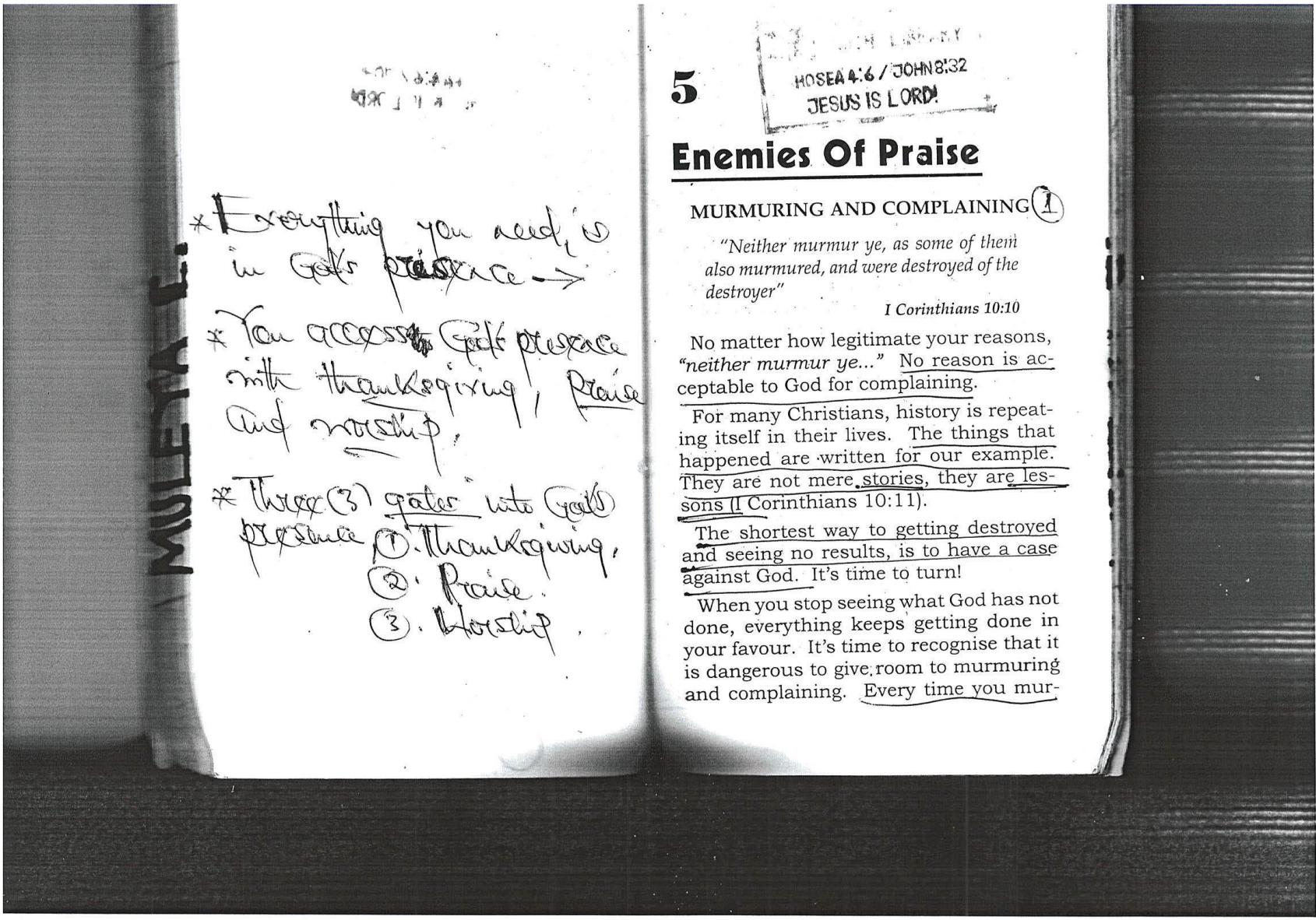
Things dare you so easily because you are not God-full, and you are not God-full because you are not thanks-full.

When you begin to value God and His dealings with you, as long as God is not too slow or too dull for you, and you live a highly appreciative life, you will discover that there are no mountains anywhere.

There are some on earth today who live as if problems do not exist anymore. Why? They are full of God, therefore are full of victories! God always comes in person to fill the life of anyone that praises Him.

Jesus went about doing good, manifesting dominion, destroying all the works of the devil, because God was with Him. If you will also go about with His presence as Jesus did, no devil will be able to challenge you.





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mur, you invite the destroyer! Everything you murmur about never grows, rather, it diminishes!

When murmuring stops, accomplishment begins. When complaining stops, triumph begins.

When you complain to man, you secure sympathy, but when you complain to God, you incur His anger. If God catches you complaining, He cancels all the favours He had lined up for you, and takes away the ones He had earlier given.

Those that murmured in the wilderness were destroyed by the destroyer.

God could not have been better than He is now, in your case. If it were not for God on your side, the enemy would have eaten you up. All he wants is to see you in shame and dishonour all the time.

See your liberty, which you did not pay anything for! Let's avoid murmuring and complaining. It provokes God's wrath. He has done all things well!

"And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it"

Numbers 11:1

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God does not only hear prayers, He also hears complaints. Every time you complain, God hears and is annoyed.

"...and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burned among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp"

Numbers 11:1

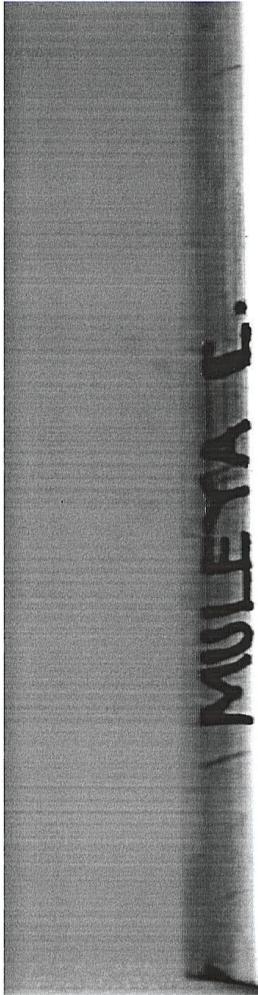
There is nothing to complain about, but there is everything to praise Him for. Everyone who lives in complaint, lives in defeat; but everyone who lives in praise, lives in victory. Make your choice.

There is nothing He should have done that He has not done. He has done all things well!

Are you in debt? Why not thank God for the respect He has bestowed on you that would not allow your creditors to come and strangulate you?

You have not paid your house rent? Thank God for the respect that has kept your landlord from throwing you out with thugs.

There is always something to thank God for. This is the right mentality in the Christian adventure, that ensures victory in every battle.



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God is about to explode in your life. He is never late.

Disregard the mockery of men and all negative comments on your person. Disregard all that people say to humiliate you.

Every smallness today becomes greatness in the hands of praise; while every complaint diminishes the complainer. Nobody has ever secured favour from God through complaints.

If your two fishes and fives loaves must increase, you must never complain; otherwise it will finish. Thank God for your status now, then the status He has in store for you will unfold.

Every time you do not thank Him, He chokes you. Don't let Him choke you! Where you are now is the best place heaven would have put you, because it is a stepping stone to where destiny holds in stock for you.

Thank Him for where you are, give Him heart-felt praise, and you are already on a flight to where He intends for you.

Anything that has been pointing an accusing finger at God in your life, accuse it now with thanks. Anything that has

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been standing as an issue in your life, despise it now as you give Him quality praise with a thanks-full heart!

SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS ⁽²⁾

Heaviness is a spirit. It is one of the key strategies of Satan, to strip God's people naked. He knows that with heaviness, God is absent, and when God is absent, you become a cheap prey in his hands.

God said He has given us the oil of joy for the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3). And the gifts and the callings of God are without repentance. If He has given, then He will not take away.

The devil steals joy so he can make victims of men. But you have the gift of joy from the Most High God. He has not withdrawn it. If it is not seen, Satan has stolen it. Every time you cannot find joy, the thief is at work.

Satan calculates heaviness for God's people because he knows no one can stop the fiery acts of God when man is giving Him-quality praise. That is why you must fight heaviness more than you fight any other sin.

Heaviness takes you out of your Father's

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house, and places you where the enemy can flog you. God is not slow. Thinking that God is slow weighs one down with the spirit of heaviness. God is not slow. He holds your tomorrow. Any time He comes is good time. Any time He comes, whatever is dead receives life.

Since your destination is sure, be joyful in glory. At the end of your journey, you will be glorified. Where you are going is sure. Those who cannot see where they are going are the ones who are cast down.

"Looking unto Jesus...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God"

Hebrews 12:2

If you can see a glorious tomorrow, no devil can cast you down. If you can see what is ahead of you, you can afford to insult the devil and slap him in the face.

God's expectation for you is good (Jeremiah 29:11). If you can see it, He is committed to bring it to pass. If you cannot see it, then you have all the problems in the world!

"Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of

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heart, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies, which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee"

Deuteronomy 28:47-48

Can you see that? The reason why they are not serving Him in joyfulness and gladness of heart is because they cannot see the abundance.

No reason is strong enough to be allowed to cast you down. Whatever casts you down has made you a failure. It is time to wake up and take positive steps to enjoy the values of redemption.

If what you want is what God wants, you will not suffer.

That thing that is hurting your life, and is drawing your attention off God, let it be the reason why you are praising Him, and the difference will become very clear. That thing that has been like a burden, turn it to joy and praise, and dance, and you will be out of it.

Those who do not know how to acknowl-

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edge God, remain on the same spot.

DISCONTENTMENT (3).

Until you are satisfied with Jesus, you will never smell contentment. Your satisfaction with Jesus is what provokes heaven to satisfy you. Come out of competition with the world!

"But godliness with contentment is great gain;"

I Timothy 6:6

There is a lot of godliness in the Church today, because God's Word is coming alive, but there is not enough contentment to match. People are rating the worth of life with physical possessions. This is unscriptural. Jesus said to beware of covetousness. Contentment is the treatment for covetousness.

Until you are satisfied, you cannot be merry, and until you are merry, you cannot sing (James 5:13). And if you cannot sing, you cannot carry God's presence; therefore your dominion is not guaranteed. That is why the enemy fights the believer with the subtle trap of discontentment.

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"The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: The grave..."

Proverbs 30:15

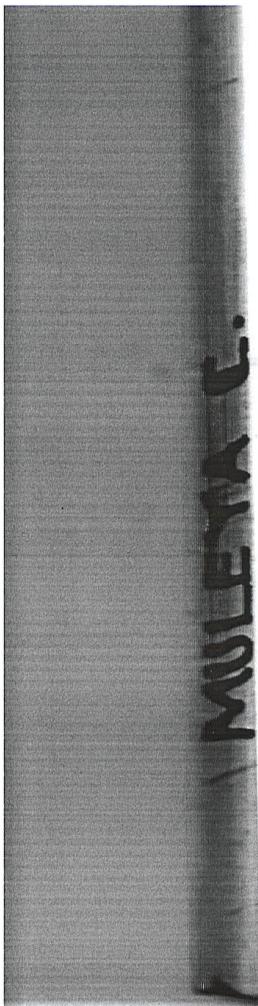
Everyone that is not satisfied, is digging his own grave. Discontentment is a short cut to death. It will destroy the chemistry of your body, Causing all the organs to function wrongly, because you are subjecting them to undue stress.

I have lived a contented life to date. I have never borrowed, because I eat my size and drink my size! I do not compare myself with any other mortal being on earth. I do not need a car because you have one. I have said to the Lord, "Whatever you cannot give me, may I never have it."

You need to make an oath of satisfaction with God. Leave this rat race for things! They make you leave the Creator. You need contentment with Jesus.

There is no reward in heaven for how much possessions you have. The rewards God has promised have no connection at all with your possessions. The stars in

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heaven are kingdom-committed men on earth.

It is time to get back to biblical foundations for a triumphant life. Be contented. Everyone who is not satisfied becomes barren! (Proverbs 30:16). Christianity with contentment will produce great gain, and great gain equals great life.

Anyone who is not contented, and then goes into prayer, has gone to protest. God never honours complaints, no matter how genuine. They that murmured in the wilderness were destroyed. Their case was not examined. No one ever contended with God and prospered!

Put an end to discontentment and complaining in your life.

HOLDING ON TO YOUR PAST ⁽⁴⁾

"Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this"

Ecclesiastes 7:9-10.

There are many Christians under this trap. It is playing the fool! It is a slap on God's face.

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There might be occasions to make such comparison, but He says, never say it. Why? Because it will keep you in chains. When you say such things, comparing your past to your present, you move God to make your way crooked.

If you have ever been in this hideous sin, ask God to forgive you, because whosoever covers his sin shall not prosper.

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"

Proverbs 4:18

As far as God is concerned, your life today cannot be worse than your life yesterday. Even if you cannot see it, say it the way God has said it. If you say your today is worse than your yesterday, your tomorrow will be the more worse, because everything you think, say and do, is a seed.

I have always said that where I am today is the worse place I can ever be. My tomorrow by destiny, by scripture, by revelation, by the Holy Ghost, is already eternally programmed and sealed, by the blood, to be better than today.

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You must live in the reality of scriptures not circumstances! No matter what you see around you, what God says is what matters. Believe what God says, and every passing day will be better than the previous, throughout the days of your life.

Comparing the past with the present is one of the enemies of praise. It is a slap on God's face.

Israel said life was better in Egypt. God was angry, and He destroyed them.

Your time with Satan is incomparable in splendour, in glory and aroma, to your life with God. To compare your life in the world with your life in Jesus is costly. Do not do it! Be delivered from your past, so you can reach your future.

Holding on to your past is an enemy of thanksgiving. "Say not thou..." It is a commandment. Why? Because It is dangerous and risky. It is able to destroy. "Why should you die before your time (by what you are saying)?" (Ecclesiastes 7:17).

⑤ BEING OFFENDED IN HIM

"And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me"

Matthew 11:6

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10. The times you have been offended in God are your stumbling blocks in life. Every time you mark God wrong, you make your path crooked. Who has ever contended with Him and prospered? Every time you pitch your tent against God, to justify yourself, you make your path crooked.

b. John the Baptist, in Matthew 11:2-3, was facing a very great crisis and began to wonder if Jesus was truly the Messiah. If He was, He should have done something about his case.

I am persuaded that this is the reason why he was beheaded, because there is nowhere in the scriptures where it was foretold that he will be beheaded.

If you do not want to be beheaded, today should be your last day of pointing an accusing finger at God.

In April 1984, at about the same time God gave me a powerful message on this, there was a lady, who had to suffer excruciating pains and protracted labour each time she was to have her baby. Then she heard these words: "Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me" and said, "God you could not have been

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at fault. You are my helper, you are not the one hurting my life."

She loosened up to Jesus. The lady was pregnant then and was getting ready for another sorrowful ordeal. But after these words, she went to the hospital at 5:00 a.m. and by 5:30 a.m., she had given birth! She stopped being offended in God, and heaven intervened on her behalf.

Only a fool engages God in battle! When will your weight ever match God's weight? Pharaoh did it and his carcass was given to the whales to feed on.

Only a fool pitches his tent against God. Even if God were to be wrong, are you His match in battle?

Until you stop getting offended in God, you are not ready for a breakthrough yet. Until you take God for right at all times, you are not ready to change position.

God is always right. God is never at fault. God is never to be blamed.

Only those who are not offended in Him can praise Him. You cannot be thankful to somebody who is hurting you, can you? When you no longer see God as your problem, but as your answer, you will have

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what it takes to praise Him from the depth of your heart.

If you do not want to be beheaded, refuse to be offended. Judge God right and faithful any time, any day. He rules the entire world by what is written. It is when you go off what is written that you become a victim. The scriptures cannot be broken when they are kept.

"He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?"

Job 9:4

God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. It is somebody you can beat that you keep challenging to battle. Allow everything in you that is challenging God to give way to praise. No one can harden himself against God and prosper.

There are many in church today who are not making progress. The reason is that they are offended in God. They have no sense of value for redemption, to the extent that they even compare themselves with unbelievers!

When you are offended in God, He gets offended in you, and Satan picks you up!

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PRAISE

One of the major ministries of the Holy Spirit as outlined in John 16:13-14, is to glorify God. He moves on men to glorify God. He is a depression-destroyer. He destroys the root of sorrow.

Genuinely anointed people are automatically delivered from murmuring and complaining. They just find themselves flowing in the realm of joy unspeakable, full of glory. They can't tell why nor how, but they just find themselves swimming in the river of joy, glorifying God, all the time.

The Holy Spirit upon you launches you into a praising and thanksgiving life-style, which will put you permanently on the miracle line. He places on you an unction for glorifying God, which becomes your security in this wicked world, because you carry God's presence everywhere you go, for He inhabits the praises of His people.

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me...to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes,

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the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness..."

Isaiah 61:3.

The Spirit of the Lord exchanges your heaviness with the garment of praise. He becomes to you the oil of joy in the place of mourning. No more sorrow, no more sighing, no more sagging. It takes that anointing for you to live a life that glorifies God.

He releases you into a life of continuous, endless praise that brings you into union with God. You become God's sanctuary. Every Red Sea parts at your appearance, every mountain skips like rams at your appearance. Nothing will be able to stand in your way anymore.

The anointing for praise is the anointing for the carriage of God's presence. You will not lose any more grounds to Satan.

When you become a praising saint, God makes you His dominion (Psalm 114:1-7). The presence of God makes you have a walkover in the battles of life. No demon can stand His presence. God's presence is real!

The Holy Ghost is the power of God in

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charge of destroying yokes (Isaiah 10:27,61:1-3). He is the anointing that destroys the yokes of heaviness, of self-pity, sorrow of heart, depression, etc. and releases you into a life of glorifying God, baptising you with a singing, dancing, hilarious spirit that makes you shine everywhere!

SINGING IN THE SPIRIT

"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also"

I Corinthians 14:15

Giving thanks in the spirit is a unique asset in quality thanksgiving and praise. Every time you begin to thank and praise God in the spirit, He brings to your remembrance the things that are thank-worthy in your life.

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God Is Fearful In Praises

If you have never seen God at work, it is because you have never given Him praise that is qualitative enough, to move Him into the realm of fearful actions.

"Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

Exodus 15:11

God is fearful in praises, doing wonders! Those who praise Him see His wonders.

HIS FEARFUL ACTS

Many years ago, while we were praising God in church, a muslim Air Force Officer walked into the service. So heavy was the praise and worship that although all he had come for was to drop some people in church, he could not leave. He kept roaming about, until the Holy Ghost knocked him down. He was filled with

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the Holy Ghost and started speaking in tongues right there! It was a problem carrying him home.

When he was taken home, his perplexed wife was so rude and brutish. Somebody just slotted in a cassette, and while the music was playing, she too fell down and started wailing, "Jesus forgive me! Jesus forgive me!" That was how that whole family got saved without any human effort. Yes! God is fearful in praises!

Again, at another time in church, while praising and jubilating, a man walked into the service. He had lost one of his testes. By the time he stepped into the praise-full atmosphere and started praising God too, he felt a replacement of the testes, which was later confirmed.

In the same service also, somebody had a boil on his face. Right there and then, the boil dropped off! It was nowhere to be found.

God is fearful in praises! Every time thanksgiving and praise is given its rightful place, strange occurrences take place.

A sister got home from church one night and there was nothing for her and her

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children to eat. We were in a month of not asking God for anything, but rather thanking Him and giving Him praise for everything. So the Holy Spirit spoke to her heart, to pour water in a bowl and dish it out to everyone.

Strange though it seemed, she obeyed. She dished out the water, they all gave thanks to God, drank the water and went to bed joyfully.

The following day, someone came and gave her 4,000 naira (Nigerian currency), and then there was so much to eat! The way she sounded, it was like she had never handled such a large sum of money all her life!

There is also the testimony of a sister who had not seen her menstrual period for seven years. She came in from Ivory Coast and somebody brought her for our *Hosanna Night* (an all night service of praising and dancing before God).

She testified that on getting home in the morning, she was changing her clothes when she noticed that she was wet all-over, soaked in blood! Her menstruation was supernaturally restored!

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In that same *Hosanna Night*, a sister who had a lump in her breast said: "I danced like I had never danced before. I danced my heart out! I was very determined to get my miracle." In five days, the lump in her breast completely disappeared!

Yet in that same *Hosanna Night*, a woman who had always had a painful menstrual period, which always kept her in bed and on drugs, testified that she danced and praised God expecting the touch of God.

The following day her period started and for the four days it lasted it was as peaceful and as painless as she had never known it to be.

A brother whose business had been going downhill for almost 2 years, woke up one Friday morning and spent several hours praising and giving thanks to God. Before then he had done nothing but murmur and complain.

Later that day, he went out, and everywhere he went he was dazed with favours. At places where he had been refused contract before, he was welcomed with, "Ah, where have you been? We have been looking for you."

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His business is gloriously revived and today he is a happy man.

A sister who had always had problem breathing freely, testified of how she spent the whole night praising God until her voice gave way. Then she slept and dreamt of vomiting a thick, black, stinking substance.

She woke up in the morning to discover that she could breath freely and clearly, without any pains! She was completely set free from that affliction!

God is fearful in praises! His fearful acts are made manifest for all to see when we give Him genuine, quality, heart-felt praise.

In the month of July 1994, (in our Lagos church), we embarked on a one month everyday of praise and thanksgiving, characterised by continual music and dancing before the Lord, as we explored the mysteries behind praise.

At the end of that destiny-moulding month, we saw the scripture in Psalm 67:5-6, fulfilled in our midst. In the month of June, the Church attendance was 5,151. By the end of July, it was 6,472. In August it increased to 7,688, and by

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the end of December of that same year, the Church attendance had risen to a total of 10,025 people! Indeed, when the people praise God, the earth yields her increase! Such is the multiplication power of praise.

In the deepest of life's troubles, praise will bring God on the scene, and liberty will be guaranteed on the spot.

We have come to a time when except God helps you, you will remain helpless. Nothing works except when you walk with God.

Values are changing rapidly, so that the kingdom of God can be exalted among men.

There is nothing you have or that you are, that will matter in this end-time except God. Except God be for you, nothing will work for you. It does not matter your profession, if you do not have God, you are a waste!

God answers prayers, but He steps into praise, to establish your destiny.

No matter how dark your night is, you can use praise to bring down the dawn of a new day. I am talking about praise-

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warfare, not praise-melody! I am talking about shooting praises as arrows.

Rejoice that God made you, not just for giving you clothes to wear. Just rejoice that He made you at all.

If you really want to praise God, just get down to the root reason for praising Him. Psalm 103 says: "forget not all his benefits;

- who forgiveth all thine iniquities,
- who healeth all thine diseases,
- who delivereth thy soul from destruction."

There is nowhere it says: "who giveth thee a car, who giveth thee a house, or who giveth thee a coat." Those are not counted as reasons why you should praise Him. And to think that those are the very reasons you are not praising Him!

Friend, let's discover PRAISE! It is the sweetest life-style!

Blood → Open doors.
Word → Shows you the way.
Spirit → force behind all work of God.

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"Praise will launch you into a life of endless miracles. You will stop sweating and start winning."

"Praise is God's hotline. You can pray amiss, but you cannot praise amiss!"

"To contact strange favours, give Him strange praise. To contact staggering favours, give Him staggering praise."

"Everytime you give room for praise, you open the door for revelations."

"Praise is it! Not complaints and protests."



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