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MESSAGES ON

PRAISING THE LORD

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet is a collection of messages on praising God by Rev. Dr. Don Gossett. These first appeared in several series of Bible Study Cards. They are scriptural, succinct and powerful.

Don has served the Lord Jesus as an international evangelist and author for over 55 years. He learned from and ministered with some of the 20th century's most powerful evangelists, such as William Freeman and T. L. Osborn. Don has been used in sharing God's Word throughout the world.

When I first came under Don's ministry in 1979, I was struck by the power of his messages, and his particular emphasis on praising God. I call Don the "Prince of Praise". I am blessed by his encouragement to "praise the Lord ten times" at the end of each radio program.

As you read and meditate upon these messages, let God's word dwell richly within you, igniting your faith, and bringing forth your praise. You will find power in praise. You will also find joy, for God commands us to put on "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Isa. 61:3).

May you experience God's richest blessings through praising Him.

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AS LONG AS I LIVE

By Don Gossett

A long as I live it shall be a rule engraved on my tongue to bring praise like fruit for an offering and my lips as a sacrificial gift. I will make skillful music with lyre and harp to serve God's glory, and the flute of my lips will I raise in praise of His rule of righteousness. Both morning and evening I shall enter into the Covenant of God: and at the end of both I shall recite His commandments, and so long as they continue to exist, there will be my frontier and my journey's end.

Therefore I will bless His name in all I do, before I move hand or foot, whenever I go out or come in, when I sit down and when I rise, even when lying on my couch I will chant His praise.

My lips shall praise Him as I sit at the table which is set for all, and before I lift my hand to partake of any nourishment from the delicious fruits of the earth.

When fear and terror come, and there is only anguish and distress, I will still bless and thank Him for His wondrous deeds, and meditate upon His power, and lean upon His mercies all day long. For I know that in His hand is justice for all that live, and all His works are true. So, when trouble comes, or salvation, I praise Him just the same.

PRAISING GOD AT ALL TIMES (Column X), Manual of Discipline, Dead Sea Scrolls

(Note from Don Gossett: The above discipline was a part of the practice of the early Christians, as set forth in this valuable document found in the Dead Sea Scrolls.)

DO MY WORDS PRAISE THE LORD OR THE DEVIL

By Don Gossett

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth"
Ps. 34:1.

- 1.** Even as a Christian, by my words I can have praise for the devil instead of praise for the Lord. If I say, "The devil has been after me all day long," I am praising the devil. If I say, "I am discouraged," I am praising the wrong person. But if I say, "I always triumph in Christ," I am praising the Lord.
- 2.** If I say, "I am overwhelmed by my financial problems," I am praising the adversary who has caused my financial dilemma.
- 3.** If I say, "It's so hard to have faith in God," I am praising the devil who is the author of doubt.
- 4.** If I say, "I have a fear this might be cancer," I am yielding praise to the devil who is the author of sickness.
- 5.** If I say, "I am so defeated," I am praising the devil who defeats my life.
- 6.** If I say, "I just have no liberty," I am praising the devil who has brought me into bondage.
- 7.** If I say, "I just don't believe God has forgiven my sins," I am praising the devil who is the accuser of the brethren, the author of foul condemnation.
- 8.** I decide here and now: praise of the Lord shall continually be in my mouth!
- 9.** How can I talk about my sickness and praise the devil who has afflicted me?

How can I talk weakness and praise that evil one who has reduced me to weakness?

How can I talk lack and give honour to the one who would strike me with poverty?

How can I talk about my sleeplessness, thereby praising the thief who steals-God's gift of sleep from me?

- 10.** If I say, "I just can't love others," I am praising the author of hate who would rob me of my rightful heritage of the love of God in my heart.
- 11.** If I say, "I just don't feel the presence of God with me any more," I am praising the devil who would void the sure Word of God that declares, "He will never leave thee nor forsake Owe" He. 13:5.
- 12.** If I say, "I just have no anointing," I am praising the devil who has made the Word of God of none effect which declares emphatically, "The

anointing which you have received of Him abideth in you" 1 Jn. 2:27. What I say is what I get!

GOD RESPONDS TO OUR PRAISES

by Don Gossett

Seven scriptural proofs that God always responds to our praises.

(1) Psalm 22:3, "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." Whenever Israel praised the Lord, God was always **omni-present**, manifesting His miraculous power. The word **inhabit** means "occupy, dwell, live, abide, pervade, permeate." When we praise the Lord "at all times," we have the Lord as a **boarder, a lodger, an indweller!**

(2) Luke 24:53, "And they were continually praising and blessing God." This record is of the early Christians as they saw Jesus ascend into the clouds, and in obedience to His command, entered the Upper Room at Jerusalem. Why did such irresistible power permeate their lives? Their continual **praise** was their **password to power!** On an Easter Sunday, during the Jewish Passover, I led other Christians in that same Upper Room on Mt. Zion. As we "continually praised and blessed God," that same power filled our hearts, even as at Pentecost! O let us make this the holy practice of our lives: "Continually praising and blessing God!" Continual **praise** is our **password** to the **power** of the Spirit wherever we are!

(3) Acts 2:47, "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Praising God so pleases Him that "when a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh **even his enemies** to be at peace with him" Proverbs 16:7. And best of all, praising God produces Holy Spirit power to convict and convert sinners to Christ!

(4) Psalm 67:5-6, "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." **First**, we praise God. **Then** comes increase—spiritual, physical, material—God shall bless us! Hallelujah! It is **not** increase and blessing, then praise. We praise, **then** comes God's increase and blessing.

(5) II Chronicles 5:13-14, "It came even to pass ... when they lifted up their voice ... and praised the Lord ... the glory of the Lord filled the house of Cod."

(6) II Chronicles 20:22, "And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, when they were come against Judah; and they were smitten."

(7) Acts 16:25-26, "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: ... And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were loosed."

GOOD CHEER IS NOW HERE

By DON GOSSETT

1 Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" Jn. 16:33. Often Jesus said these words to His disciples when He walked here . . . "Be of good cheer." It means: "Exercise courage, be bold, be confident, have confidence." The very presence of Jesus is good cheer.

2 Paul said, "Be of good cheer; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" Ac. 27:25. Paul spoke these words on ship with hundreds of disheartened men. Paul was positive, confident in the midst of certain disaster because of God's Word to him!

3 I can be of good cheer, and challenge others to the same, because "**God hath said . . . So we may boldly say**" Heb. 13:5-6. Everything that God has said in His Word, we may boldly say the same thing! I shall speak often, "Be of good cheer," in this day of turmoil. I can radiate this unmistakable assurance to cheer others.

4 "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" Ps. 107:2. When I know my rights in Christ, I dare SAY SO! "I am redeemed" Col. 1:12. "I am a burden bearer" Gal. 6:2. "I am a forgiver" Mt. 6:13-14. "I am steadfast and unmoveable" I Cor. 15:58. I AM who God says I am! I dare to say so.

5 No more hesitation or wandering aimlessly. I know the Word and the Author of it. To speak and act God's Word isn't a leap in the dark. No longer am I unsettled or indecisive. In every storm of life, I speak to my heart, "Be of good cheer." Hallelujah, I am confident: "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in me will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" Ph. 1:6.

6 Everywhere I go I spread Good Cheer. I restore those overtaken (Gal. 6:1). I minister healing to the sick (Mk. 16:18). By my words I bring strength to the weak (Rom. 15:1). I speak positive truths that liberate people from negative, gloomy, pessimistic living (Jn. 8:32).

Good cheer is now here. Good cheer is Jesus, and He lives within me (Gal. 2:20). In view of these sure and dynamic facts, I am filled with courage, very confident in Christ, bold as a lion and strong in faith!

GOOD THINGS IN ME IN CHRIST

By Don Gossett

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus" Philemon 6.

First: God has shown me here a great faith secret: my faith will become effective (gets things from God), by my acknowledging of every good thing which is in me in Christ Jesus.

Second: Acknowledging is confessing or affirming the good things which are in me in Christ Jesus. This harmonizes with Rom. 10:10 — "What I confess I possess."

Third: These good things I acknowledge that are within me, are not my own attainments, but what I have "in Christ Jesus." "All things are mine in Christ." "Of His fullness have I received."

Fourth: One of the devil's subtle devices, of which I am not ignorant, lest he get an advantage of me, is to cause me to focus attention upon my past sins, my failures, my weaknesses, my mistakes. I will resist the devil and he will flee from me, by "thus saith the Lord."

Fifth: My faith is set on fire, by acknowledging every good thing which is in me in Christ Jesus. It is acknowledging my possessions in Christ. What shall I acknowledge? That I am who God says I am. That I have what God says I have. That I can do what God says I can do!

Sixth: I know that I go the level of my confession. If it is a negative confession, acknowledging only the bad, rather than the "good things in me in Christ," I will go the level of defeat, failure, weakness and lack. I refuse to do that! I shall acknowledge the GOOD THINGS I possess in Christ, and thereby my faith is dynamic, effective, on fire, gets things from God!

Seventh: Effective faith I now have, by acknowledging every good thing in me in Christ Jesus! Hallelujah!

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM: SECRET OF PRAISE

By Don Gossett

When you read these challenging promises and commands of God. you will be persuaded that the Spirit-filled life is for you. Not just something to dwell upon in the past of your life, but this Holy Spirit baptism is a present, day by day experience in the now of your life.

1. Mt. 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

2. Mt. 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

3. Ez. 16:27, "I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

4. Jn. 14:16, 17, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

5. 1 Cor. 3:16, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

6. Ac. 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

7. Ac. 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

8. Lu. 11:13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

9. Ac. 2:39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

10. Joel 2:28, "It shall come to pass afterward. that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

11. Jn. 14:26, "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

12. 1 Cor. 12:13, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."

13. Jn. 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me."

14. Jn. 16:7, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you."

SUMMARY: The Holy Spirit baptism is the tremendous secret to a life of praise.

HOW TO BE A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN

By Don Gossett

1 A dynamic Christian is a Spirit-filled Christian. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me" Ac. 1:8. This word "power" comes from the Greek word, dunamis, meaning dynamite. Thus, one becomes dynamic after He is filled with the Holy Spirit. The early Christians were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Ac. 2:4), and then they were re-filled (Ac. 4:30) and spake the Word with boldness. Keeping filled with the Spirit makes us dynamic in Christian living! (Eph. 5:18-20).

2 To be dynamic as a witness for Christ makes us forcible, effectual, productive. "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you" I Jn. 2:27. It is this anointing which abides within us that makes us dynamic. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost (Lk. 4:18, Ac. 10:38). We have received the same anointing of the Spirit, to accomplish the same results as did Jesus. "The works that I do shall ye do also, and greater works than these shall ye do, because I go unto the Father" Jn. 14:12.

3 This Holy Ghost dynamite enables us to speak with authority (Lk. 4:36, Mk. 1:27). A dynamic witness has influence and supernatural ability (Ac. 14:3). This dynamic quality endues us, to speak with magnetic 'force' and gives divine energy for both spirit and body (Rom. 8:11).

4 Is your Christian usefulness strangled? Are you rendered powerless in face of opposition to the Gospel of your Saviour? Paul and Barnabas, filled with the Holy Ghost, waxed bold, when they met bitter opposition. Too many "wax cold" when anyone hinders the flow of the gospel. How the Lord loves to anoint with Holy Ghost energy those who take a fearless stand for right! When you are filled, controlled and energized by the Spirit, no longer will you be impotent, inefficient, demoralized or shattered by the strongholds of Satan (2 Cor. 10:4).

5 How to keep dynamic? Keep your heart clean and your spirit right (Ps. 51:10). Continual praise precedes the operation of the Spirit (Lk. 24:53). Daily speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance builds you up unto dynamic power (I Cor. 14:2, 4). Common, ordinary people become dynamic when they keep filled with the Spirit! You can be dynamic as a Christian, for "the promise is unto you." Ac. 2:39.

I HAVE UNQUENCHABLE JOY

By Don Gossett

Read this card aloud each Monday morning.

FIRST: Jesus is the Joy of living. His presence produces fulness of joy (Ps. 16:11). His joy is greater than any human pleasure or happiness.

SECOND: His joy is my strength (Neh. 8:10). Lack of strength indicates a real lack of joy. His joy creates spiritual, physical and mental strength.

THIRD: It is this unspeakable joy (I Pt. 1:8), that makes me triumphant over the petty trials of life and a victor in every testing that comes.

FOURTH: "Your joy no man taketh from you," said Jesus (Jn. 16:22). I have unquenchable joy that makes trouble lose its grip on me.

FIFTH: Fellowship with the Father and with the Son, and with one another is the true secret of abiding joy (I Jn. 1:3-4, II Jn 12, II Tim. 1:4). Joy is lost because of broken fellowship, but can be restored (I Jn. 1:9. Ps. 51:10-13).

SIXTH: The "Joy of Jesus" is the most attractive thing in the world (Jn. 15:11). My number one business as a Christian is to be His joyful witness (Acts 1:8, 8:8, 13:52).

SEVENTH: The Word is my great joy-producer (Jer. 15:16). My positive, joyful confession of the Word generates health, victory and miracles!

EIGHTH: Praying in the Name of Jesus gives birth to mighty answers . . . and FULL JOY (Jn. 16:23-24). I make my prayer requests with joy (Phil. 1:4) because I am confident of "great and mighty things" Jer. 33:3).

NINTH: My message: "Glad tidings of great joy to all people" Lk. 2:10. My motive: But none of these things move me, neither

count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy" Acts 20:24.

I REJOICE IN CHRIST MY CHOICE

By Don Gossett

Seven Reasons for Exuberance in Christian Living

1. "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" Ph. 4:4. Webster's dictionary defines rejoice: "To experience joy and gladness in high degree." The true object of our rejoicing is in the Lord Himself!
2. "Rejoice evermore" I Th. 5:16. This bold New Testament command is a two-word verse, but a big challenge. Above all others, we Christians must be a rejoicing people! Those who connect gloom and godliness misrepresent the Christian faith.
3. "I will rejoice in thy salvation" Ps. 9:14. When we consider the great salvation we have by grace, it is indeed the call to a high degree of joy and gladness. Salvation! What a word! "Rejoice because your names are written down in heaven" Lk. 10:20.
4. "Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for behold, your reward is great in heaven" Lk. 6:23. In what day is Christ speaking of? In the day when men shall hate you, separate you from their company and reproach you. In this rejoice. be not sad!
5. "Jesus Christ, Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" I Pt. 1:8. Believing in Jesus is the key to always rejoicing!
6. Rejoicing is jubilant gladness. It may manifest itself in joyous laughter. The true Spirit-filled life will often result in such experiences as transpired on the Day of Pentecost, when the exuberant disciples were accused of being drunk on wine early in the day. Rather, it was an intoxication of the Spirit that had amazing results. So we today have the same fountain of joy open to us, in being Spirit-filled!
7. "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord" Ph. 3:1. And here are some of David's expressions: "Shout for joy," "Clap your hands," "Praise Him with a dance," "Exalt His Name," "Sing praises," "O magnify the Lord." Confess this now, "I will rejoice in the Lord always. This high degree of joy and gladness is a true antidote to the boredom of life, a stimulus that elevates the soul, that awakes the imagination and nerves the will to feats hitherto thought impossible." Filled with the Spirit of Christ, we are then beside ourselves in Him!

PRAISE AND SOUL WINNING By Don Gossett

Praise is of much importance to my spiritual life. Without daily time spent in praising the Lord, my fellowship with Him will languish. Why? "Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" Psalm 22:3. Because the Lord inhabits the praises of His people, an absence of praise means a decided lack of manifestations of the Lord.

Testimony: I was leading nearly 2,000 people in praise at the People's Cathedral, on Bishop's Court Hill in Barbados. At the conclusion of that offering of praise, a large number of non-Christians streamed forward to receive Christ in salvation. Why does praise have such irresistible value in winning souls?

"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" Acts 2:47. Praise is the prelude to the life of favour. Even favour with the unsaved! "And the Lord added daily such as should be saved!"

Testimony: I have shared in services where thousands praised the Lord, then an invitation was given to the unsaved. The results: more than a thousand souls accepted the Saviour. This happened more than once in meetings in the large Freeman campaigns in St. Louis.

"And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God. Many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" Psalm 40:3. When the non-Christians "hear and see" the people of the Lord praise Jesus, reverence of the Lord comes upon them. They can't resist that atmosphere of the presence of God. True praise promotes the reality of Jesus in any situation. People crave reality, so they come to Jesus. "Many shall see it and fear and shall trust in the Lord."

Testimony: In my ministry to Hindus, the joyous praises of the newly saved had continuous soul-winning reactions. Multitudes came to the One who makes new creatures and creates a new song, "even praise unto our God."

Because God inhabits the praises of His people, there is no limit to what God will do. "They shall praise the Lord that seek Him" Psalm 22:26. Because people are hungry for reality, they discover praise brings reality! "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord bath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" Psalm 126:3. The Lord had done wonderful things for His people. Much praise in their hearts caused them to burst out with laughing and singing. The effect upon the heathen: it caused them to be aware of the mighty deliverance of the Lord! It's the same in our day. Praise the Lord.

PRAISE IS THE KEY

By Don Gossett

- 1.** Praise is the key to the manifestation of God's presence. "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" Ps. 22:3.
- 2.** Praise is the key to the revealed glory of God. God says, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" Ps. 50:23.
- 3.** Praise is the key to the Holy Spirit baptism. "They were continually in the temple praising and blessing God" Lu. 24:53.
- 4.** Praise is the key to the continual day-by-day Spirit filled life. "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit: speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" Eph. 5:18-20.
- 5.** Praise is the key to doing God's will here in earth. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" 1 Thes. 5:18.
- 6.** Praise is the key to fulfilling God's expectation of believers. "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise unto God continually; that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name" Heb. 13:15.
- 7.** Praise is the key to fulfilling the Father's desire for true worshippers. "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord" Ps. 134:2.
- 8.** Praise is the key to a fruit-bearing life. "That is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name" Heb. 13:15. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" Jn. 15:8.
- 9.** Praise is the key to enter the very courts of God. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name" Ps. 100:4.

10. Praise is the key to respond to God's impartation of a song of praise in our hearts. "And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" Ps. 40:3.

PRAISE SCRIPTURES

Commentary by Don Gossett

1. Psalm 22:3, "But Thou art holy, oh Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." This scripture reveals the fact that God inhabits the praises of His people everytime. This word, "inhabits," is an interesting word meaning, "God lives in, dwells in, manifests Himself in" the praises of His people. When you need God to inhabit your midst, your situation, you can do nothing better than to praise Him.

2. Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth." This was David's life-time motto, it seems. I would recommend that you make this your watch-word, your motto for life, to bless the Lord at all times, to have His praise continually in your mouth.

3. Hebrews 13:15, "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Under the old covenant, they were required to offer animal sacrifices to get acceptance with God. Jesus, the perfect lamb of God, came to take away the sin of the world by the offering of Himself. No longer are we required to offer sacrifices of bloody animals. But God does require a sacrifice of us in this dispensation of grace. What is that sacrifice? He commands us to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually. This is not easy because it's a requirement continually, not just on rare occasions. Being a sacrifice, it does cost dearly. But the results are glorious.

4. Psalm 50:23, "Whoso offers praise glorifies Me, and to him that orders his conversation aright, will I show the salvation of God." "Whoso" means every Christian. No one is excluded. Praise is made unto God as a verbal offering. The results are that our praise always glorifies the Lord. What a privilege in life! That we mortal beings can glorify the great creator God.

5. Luke 24:53, "And they were continually in the temple praising and blessing God." We speak of desiring Pentecostal power, possessing what they did in the early church, we can hardly improve their method of assembly: continually praising and blessing God. If we praise the Lord continually like they did, we can have what they had ... supernatural results constantly.

PRAISE THE LORD ANYWAY

By Don Gossett

"His praise shall continually be in my mouth" Ps. 34:1

1. Do you feel the joy of the Lord in your soul? Praise the Lord! Or do you feel blank inside, or even worse, do you feel depressed? Praise the Lord anyhow! It is "the sacrifice of praise to God continually" you are commanded to offer (He. 13:15): "The sacrifice of praise" means Praise the Lord anyhow, especially when you don't feel like it!
2. Are all your children saved? Praise the Lord! Or are some still wandering in sin? Praise the Lord anyhow! God promises by believing, ALL your household will be saved (Ac. 16:31). Praising the Lord for their salvation, in advance of seeing them in the fold is evidence that you truly believe!
3. Are all your bills paid up to date? Praise the lord! Or are you plagued by financial problems? Praise the Lord anyhow! Praise activates God's promise of plenty of money to supply all your needs. Praise him as you affirm, "My God is now supplying all my needs" Ph. 4:19. Repeat it 7 times, "Thank you Father for Thy riches now."
4. Are you enjoying good health? Praise the Lord! Or are you having health problems? Praise the Lord anyhow! Healing is received by faith, and praise is the language of faith. "As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee" Mt. 8:13.
5. Is the weather good, to your liking? Praise the Lord! Or is it unpleasant weather? Praise the Lord anyhow! "This is the day the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it" Ps. 118:24.
6. Do you have true friends, who encourage you in times of testing? Then be like Paul, when he saw his friends while being taken to prison in Rome, "he thanked God and took courage" Ac. 28:15. But perhaps you are experiencing "people problems" from those who oppose you, belittle you, or disappoint you. Praise the Lord anyhow!
7. Praise the Lord anyhow! Why? "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" Ro. 8:28. Don't miss God's plan by praising the Lord only for

things you label "blessings". His command: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" 1 Th. 5:18.

PRAISE: THE SURE CURE FOR GRUMBLING

By Don Gossett

(Read this aloud as a personal affirmation of faith. It's important that you apply these praising principles to your own life, to discipline your own heart and lips.)

1. Nothing so cheers my heart, clears my mind and purges my emotions as praise. When I praise, I can't complain. When I complain, I can't praise.
2. Life is full of frustrations and plagued with problems. But when my life gets all wrinkled up with worry and care, praise is the way to have my faith lifted!
3. "Pity thyself" is the devil's most popular sermon. A victorious Christian, however, is one who doesn't pity himself, but who praises God. I shall do more shouting!
4. Dr. Luke knew that praise was good for both physical and spiritual health. He ended his Gospel on the note of praise: "And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God" (Luke 24:52,53).
5. When there is an inflow of the power of God, there is always an outflow of praise. It is not what I am or where I am but whose I am that makes me shout the victory. I fail when I fail to praise. The devil always steals in at the door of an ungrateful heart.
6. Gladness is a grace. Good Christians must be glad Christians. I look good when I look glad. Some folks bring happiness wherever they go: others whenever they go.
7. I am commanded to rejoice in the Lord alway, to offer the sacrifice of praise continually. I am not to rejoice only when everything goes right, but when everything goes wrong. It is truly "a sacrifice of praise" when it costs to do it. When praise is most difficult, it is most necessary. Praise is the best way to sweeten the bitter and turn gloom to gladness.
8. The Bible teaches me that I am to rejoice not in circumstances, but in the Lord; not just on Sundays, but every day; not sometimes, but always. Paul said, "I am one which worships God in the Spirit, and rejoices in Christ Jesus, and has no confidence in the flesh" (Phil. 3:3).

9. I shall ring out with the voice of praise and learn the secret of David: "To triumph in His praise" (Ps. 106:47).

PRAISE WALK

By Don Gossett

DAY ONE: On this first day of your Praise Walk, endeavor to *walk through each room of your home* praising the Lord with each step. Your Praise Walk objective is to literally saturate and impregnate your life with God's presence (Psalm 22:3). As you pace and praise, the Holy One shall respond and reside in your praises richly manifesting His presence. (See 2 Chronicles 5:1314).

DAY TWO: Practice the beautiful art of *lifting up your hands* in praise as you stroll through your home (Psalm 63:34). The act of lifting up hands to the Lord is a demonstration of surrender to His Lordship. Reach out to Him in loving worship.

DAY THREE: *Sing jubilant praises to God.* You are commanded to "come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2). Devote this wonderful day of your Praise Walk to "making melodies to the King" (Ephesians 5:19). It is not the quality of your voice that is important even a 'joyful noise' pleases God! Raise your voice in triumph and glory to God. Magnify the MusicMaker who has put His song of praise in your mouth (Psalm 40:3). He loves to hear you sing to Him savoring each note and melody.

DAY FOUR: Fulfill God's expectation of you by *continually sacrificing praise* to Him. Subdue your senses and discipline your feelings to obey His command "to offer up the sacrifice of praise to God continually" (Hebrews 13:15). Be consistent and bless Him when you feel like it and when you don't!

DAY FIVE: Focus on honoring the Lord for His goodness to you. *Enumerate His wonderful works in your life* (Psalm 103:15). Forget not His benefits: bless the Lord with all that is within you for His salvation, healing, protection, for spiritual and material blessings. Permeate each room of your home with phrases of praises and thanksgiving.

DAY SIX: *Rejoice* as you move through your home: *Exalt the Lord of Heaven* who is your source of joy (Psalm 63:5). While walking, praise Jesus adoringly with a variety of names and titles to describe His character and nature.

DAY SEVEN: Long ago the children of Israel were commanded to march around the walls of Jericho for seven days (Joshua 6). On the seventh day, they were instructed to *shout praises to the Lord*. When they shouted praises, the walls fell down. On this seventh day of your Praise Walk, shout praises to God ...believing the walls, obstacles and oppressions that beset your life will fall down.

PRAISING GOD AT ALL TIMES

By Don Gossett

I. God's command for New Testament Christians: "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually; that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Heb. 13:15.

II. The vow of David, the man after God's own heart: "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Ps. 34:1.

III. The practice of the first Christians: "They were continually praising and blessing God." Lk. 24:53.

IV. The will of God for every Christian: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Th. 5:18.

V. A vital proof of the true Spirit-filled life: "Be filled with the Spirit . . . Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:18, 20.

VI. The chief function of the Royal Priesthood: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." I Pt. 2:9.

VII. The way Bible believers begin every gathering: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His Name." Ps. 100:4.

VIII. Heeding the Throne Message: "And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great." Rev. 19:5.

IX. As long as I have breath: "Let everything that bath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Ps. 150:6.

X. "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised." Ps. 113:3.

THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

By Don Gossett

1 In blazing letters here is God's Will accurately defined: "**In everything give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" I Th. 5:18. Above all else, I desire to do the will of God. Hence, I am a **Thanksgiver:** one who gives thanks . . . in everything.

2 Another strong New Testament command: "Be ye thankful" Col. 3:15. "Thankful" means to be full of thanks! This is the attitude of gratitude. Often I lift my voice in giving thanks to God for His bountiful blessings. It's the best habit I can ever form! Also, I practice verbal thanks to others.

3 Once each day, as long as I live, and have a voice, I shall lift up my voice and sing. "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul!" I shall give thanks for benefits received, by acknowledging His kindness in words of sincere gratitude.

4 God has a warning of the consequence of losing the attitude of gratitude: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, **neither were thankful;** but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" Rom. 1:21. Ingratitude extinguishes the light of God in the heart; it is the mark of a foolish heart.

5 I am aware that a prominent sign of the last days is this spirit of ingratitude: "In the last days, saith God, perilous times shall come. Men shall be . . . unthankful" II Tim. 3:1-2. Those who are unthankful are simply fulfilling Bible prophecy! When Jesus healed the ten lepers, nine of ten were unthankful. The percentage has hardly changed today: Only one of ten who has been recipient of the Lord's blessings is truly thankful! I shall be a part of the "mighty minority" who gives thanks to God! A thanksgiver is a non-conformist.

6 Col. 2:6-7 declares that when I am truly rooted and built up in Christ, and established in the faith, I will be "abounding therein with thanksgiving," which means "overflowing with thanksgiving." If my **life in Christ** is solid and my faith effective, I shall indeed "overflow with thanksgiving"!

7 I now possess the **attitude of gratitude.** I shall ever "be thankful unto Him and bless His name" Ps. 100:4. I will manifest the attitude of gratitude in my own home, with my own loved ones: also, unto others I shall express thanks. The Attitude of Gratitude is so God-pleasing and works Wonders in all my relations!

THE GIFT OF PRAISE

By Don Gossett

(1) Speaking with tongues is a gift of God. With Paul I affirm, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all" I Cor. 14:18.

(2) Not everyone is thankful for the gift of tongues. Here are expressions used by people who reject the necessity and reality of speaking in tongues: "It's unnecessary, irrational, ridiculous, for the weak-minded."

(3) But what does the Bible say? "They shall speak with new tongues" Mark 16:17. "I would that ye all spake with tongues" I Corinthians 14:5. "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God" I Corinthians 14:2. Sounds wonderful and exciting, doesn't it? It is, hallelujah!

(4) In Acts, speaking in tongues is linked with the baptism in the Holy Spirit, as the authenticating evidence. This is how Peter and the other Jews recognized that the gift of the Spirit had come upon the Gentiles: "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God" Acts 10:46.

(5) Why tongues? Tongues give expression to praise and thanksgiving. We don't have too much difficulty putting our obvious needs into words. But heart-felt, overflowing praise to God does not come easily to us before we are baptized in the Holy Spirit. That's what speaking in tongues is all about: it is supremely **the gift of praise!** Every child of God desires to praise the Lord!

(6) Michael Horban, with whom I had a crusade at Prince George, B.C., poses these questions: "How does one reach beyond himself to express the inexpressible? How does he express feelings too deep for words? Speaking in tongues in his response, a loving response to the wonder and glory of God who in His lavish love gives us not only His Son, His Life, and His love, but even **the gift of words** with which to thank and praise Him."

(7) **The gift of tongues** is really the gift of praise, which gives us a greater capacity to worship God. That's why all should speak with tongues: this gift brings a newer, deeper and more joyous ability to praise God. And praise to God will strengthen any life! Thank God for this wonderful Gift!

THE POWER OF A POSITIVE PRAISE LIFE

By Don Gossett

FIRST God is very pleased with our praises. God says, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me", Ps 50:23. God always manifests Himself in response to our praises (Ps. 22:3).

SECOND A defeated Christian is one who does not praise the Lord. A church with a defeated spirit has no joyful praise unto God. Praise and defeat cannot live in the same house!

THIRD Absolutely . . . words of praise will lift you from defeat to victory, from sickness to health, from despair to joy, from bondage to liberty. Praise is the Language of faith, the Language of victory, and the Language of heaven.

FOURTH To practice a positive praise life requires willpower and boldness, for the natural man doesn't like to praise the Lord. It's a wonderful spiritual exercise. The farther you are from God, the less you desire to praise Him. Worldly, carnal Christians do not enjoy the power and blessing of a positive praise life. Neither do people bound by fear, timidity or reluctance.

FIFTH Lack of praise and thanksgiving is a spirit of these last days. "In the last days men shall become . . . unthankful" 2 Ti. 3:2. God commands us to **be full of thanks and praise**. "Be ye thankful" Col. 3.15. "Be thankful unto Him and bless His Name" Ps. 100:4.

SIXTH Bold, unceasing praise ushers in the fulness of the Spirit. The 120 at Pentecost were "continually praising and blessing God" Lk. 24:53. Continual praise is a definite evidence of the Spirit-filled life (Eph. 5:18-20).

SEVENTH Discipline your lips to praise the Lord. You will possess tremendous power, enjoy good health and keep Heaven "busy" working in

your behalf. "By (Jesus) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually" Heb. 13.15.

THE PRAISING PRINCIPLE

By Don Gossett

1. PRAISE IS PRECIOUS. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" Ps. 107:8, 15, 22, 31. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" Ps. 50:23. "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice, glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks, and he was a Samaritan" Lk. 17:15-16. "And when He was come nigh even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen" Lk. 19:37.

2. PRAISE IS POWER. "But thou art holy, oh thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" Ps. 22:3. "And they were continually in the temple praising and blessing God" Lk. 24:53. "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" Ps. 67:5-6. "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" Acts 2:47.

3. PRAISE IS PERSONAL. "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" Ps. 150:6. "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth" Ps. 34:1. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name" Ps. 100:4-5.

4. PRAISE IS PROPER. "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice" Phil. 4:4. "And at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them" Acts 16:25. "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord" Ps. 134:2. "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised" Ps. 113:3.

5. PRAISE IN PARADISE. "I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying alleluia, salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God . . . (they) fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, amen, alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" Rev. 19:1-6.

THE SECRET OF POWER WITH GOD: GIVING THANKS IN EVERY THING

By Don Gossett

The Man known as Praying Hyde had a wonderful experience to which he owed his power with God, and therefore with man. He was up in the hills resting for a short time. He had been burdened about the spiritual condition of a certain pastor, and resolved to spend time in definite intercession for him. He began to pray, "O God! Thou knowest that brother how —" "cold" he was going to say, when suddenly a Hand seemed to be laid on his lips, and a Voice said to him in stern reproach, "He that toucheth him toucheth the apple of My eye" Zec. 2:8.

A great horror came over him. He had been "judging" his brother. He felt rebuked and humbled before God. It was he himself who first needed putting right. He confessed his sin. He claimed the precious blood of Christ that cleanseth from all sin.

"Whosoever things are lovely ... if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things" Phil. 4:8. Then he cried out, "Father, show me what things are lovely and of good report in my brother's life."

Like a flash he remembered how that brother had given up all for Christ, enduring such suffering from relations whom he had given up. He was reminded of his years of hard work, of the tact with which he managed his difficult con-gregation, of the many quarrels he had healed, of what a model husband he was.

One thing after another rose up before him and so all his prayer session was spent in praise for his brother instead of in prayer. He could not recall a single petition, nothing but thanksgiving! God was opening His servant's eyes to the highest of ministries, that of praise.

When Mr. Hyde went down to the plains, he found that just then the brother had received a great spiritual uplift. While he was praising, God was blessing. A wonderful Divine Law, the law of a Father's love. While we bless God for any child of His, He delights to bless that one!

This was the secret of John Hyde's power with God; he saw the good in God's little ones, and so was able to appreciate God's work of grace in that heart. Hence he

supplied the Heavenly atmosphere of praise in which God's love was free to work in all its fullness.

THE TONGUE OF THE WISE IS HEALTH

By Don Gossett

I. Jesus promised, "And he shall have whatsoever he saith" Mark 11:23. My tongue determines whether I shall have health or sickness, whichever I practice saying.

II. How does my tongue minister health benefits to me? I discipline my tongue to say what God says about my healing and health problems. "He sent His Word and healed them" Psalm 107:20. His Word is my healing portion.

III. My tongue administers health to me when I use it to say, "By His stripes I am healed" I Peter 2:24. My tongue is the instrument of health when I affirm, "Jesus Himself took my infirmities and bare my sicknesses" Matthew 8:17.

IV. "Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones" Proverbs 16:24. Pleasant words — that is, words pleasing to God — minister health to me. What are pleasant words? Words that are spoken in harmony with God's wonderful Word.

V. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" Proverbs 18:21. My tongue has the power to produce death. How? By speaking words about sickness and disease rather than the healing scriptures. "Thou art snared by the words of thy mouth; thou art taken (captive) by the words of thy mouth" Proverbs 6:2. If I talk about illness and infirmities, rather than the healing Word, my "lips are the snare of my soul" Proverbs 18:7.

VI. "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life" Proverbs 15:4. I know that one day "the tree of life shall be for the healing of the nations" Revelation 22:2. My tongue now is a health-producer for I affirm, "The Lord healeth me of all my diseases" Psalm 103:3.

VII. "The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright" Proverbs 15:2. I have full knowledge of the healing scriptures. My tongue shall affirm them. I say, "I am recovering" Mark 16:18.

VIII. Jesus Christ is my wisdom and makes me a wise person (I Corinthians 1:30). My tongue ministers health to me. By speaking God's healing Words, "They are health to all my flesh" Proverbs 4:22.

Action Time

I thank you, Jesus, that by your stripes I am healed. I thank you, Lord, that you took my infirmities and bore my diseases. I bless you, Lord, that you heal all my diseases. I praise you, Lord, that you sent your Word and healed me and that Word is health to all my flesh right now.

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR GLOOM

By Don Gossett

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" Ps. 118:24.

FIRST The Lord makes for us each new day. Whatever God makes is good, and good for us. "And God saw everything He had made, and behold it was very good" Gen. 1:31. Since the Lord made the day, it's a day for good-living, not ill-living.

SECOND God made the day; He expects us to rejoice and be glad. "Serve the Lord with gladness" not sadness, commands Ps. 100. Say these words, "The Lord made this day for me. I shall be glad and rejoice!"

THIRD With God **for** me, **with** me, and **within** me, there's absolutely no room for gloom! God isn't a **gloomy God**, and He doesn't want gloomy children!

FOURTH The Bible commands us, "Give no place to the devil." Eph. 4. When you give place for gloom in your life, you are giving place to the devil. He is the author of gloom.

FIFTH Make it your glad declaration: in my life **there's no room for gloom!** Hallelujah!

SIXTH So many of God's children are in low spirits, They are depressed, mopish, disgusted with life. Alright, here is the positive way to lift yourself out of the doldrums: Make no more room for gloom, by being glad and rejoicing in the Lord . . . always!

SEVENTH Right now walk out of your slough of despondency. Put a sudden stop to sulking! Life has much to dampen the spirit. But you are living by God's Word! Do not sink to the level of the pessimistic crowd. Quit wearing that long face. Your Lord is alive! He is risen! Shout hallelujahs!

EIGHTH Be a sparkling person, with no room for pouting, fretting and a dreary existence. Praise the Lord often. Count your blessings at bedtime, and it will surprise you what all the Lord has done!

NINTH Tune your ear with me now on a personal message from our God: "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will help thee; yea, I will strengthen thee; yea, **I will uphold thee** with the right hand of my righteousness" Isa. 41:10. How can you be down when God is holding you up? No more room for joyless, dismal living . . . He is our God!

TENTH Congratulations, conqueror! There's no more room for gloom!"

WHY PRACTICE PRAISE

BY DON GOSSETT

1. Practice praise because "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" Jn. 3:16. Praise the Lord because JESUS is the free gift of God unto life everlasting. Since salvation through this wonderful Saviour is a gift, be grateful enough to praise Him for such a marvelous gift! Hallelujah, O what a Saviour!

2. Practice praise because "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Ro. 8:32. Through Jesus Christ you "freely possess all things." What can you do to render unto the Lord for such benefits? Praise Him! Hallelujah again!

3. Practice praise because God "hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness" 2 Pt. 1:3. In this great drama of faith, it is God the Giver; you the receiver. Since the gracious Giver has bestowed upon you "all things that pertain to both life and godliness," simply respond by praising Him!

4. Practice praise because "the Father hath blessed you with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" Eph. 1:3. You are blest with heaven's best! Since He HATH blessed you (hallelujah, 'tis done), then praise and glorify Him for such unspeakable blessing! This scripture doesn't read that He might bless you, or that He is able to bless you, or even that you hope He will bless you. No! It plainly declares He HATH blessed you! Let every desperate searcher for truth meditate upon this profound truth ... the Father hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings ... in Christ Jesus! What higher practice could you employ than to praise Him, when you consider what He hath wrought!

5. Practice praise because the scripture hath said, "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" Ps. 37:3. Some would say, "If only God would give me my heart's desires, then I would praise Him." But that is the divine order in reverse; you praise Him (or delight in Him) and then He shall give your hearts desires! The Lord said He was delighted with David, because David practiced praise unto the Lord "at all times." O how you delight the heart of God; how you delight your own heart by praise! Delight in the Lord brings your heart's desires.

6. Practice praise because Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life; and that more abundantly" Jn. 10:10. In Christ you have abundant life because by His grace, you are a twice-born person. No getting bored with life, because this abundant life in Christ spells life with a capital "L".

7. Practice praise because daily you know you are "upheld by the right hand of God" Is. 41:10. When you know that God is holding you up, there is no staying down! Some people who live by their feelings often say, "Today I am down," or "I am up on top today." But the Christian who knows of a certainty that GOD is holding him up, can always say, "I am up, because I am upheld by the right hand of God!" No "down in the dumps" experience ... why should you not praise Him?

WHY YOU SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD

By Don Gossett

- 1.** You should praise the Lord because you have the "peace of God which passeth all understanding, keeping your heart and mind through Christ Jesus our Lord" Ph. 4:7. This peace is the soil of real praise, hallelujah!
- 2.** You should praise the Lord because of God's unspeakable gift, the Lord Jesus Christ. When you consider the wonder of God's great gift, you can only lift your voice and shout it with Paul, "Now thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" 2 Cor. 9:15.
- 3.** You should praise the Lord because "the scriptures cannot be broken" Jn. 10:35. You have based your whole life upon the foundation of His Word. Your assurance for forgiveness of past sins; your present relationship with Jesus Christ as an heir and joint heir in the family of God; your future expectation to be forever with your Lord ... all of this is based upon His own Word. When you contemplate the fact that HIS WORD cannot be broken, you must praise Him!
- 4.** You should praise the Lord because you know the Lord Himself "inhabits your praises" Ps. 22:3. Ah, yes, the Holy One of Israel lives in, dwells in, manifests Himself in your praises. When you draw nigh to Him by praises, He inhabiteth your whole being, your circumstances, your problems and needs!
- 5.** You should praise the Lord because you know that always you are in the will of God as you praise Him. 1 Th. 5:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."
- 6.** You should praise the Lord because "whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me" Ps. 50:23, your wonderful God informs you.
- 7.** You should praise the Lord because those early Christians set the example for you: "They were continually praising and blessing God" Lk. 24:53.
- 8.** You should praise the Lord because "great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" Ps. 48:1.
- 9.** You should praise the Lord because when God gave you the tremendous revelation of Praise Power, you made it your resolve with the Psalmist, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise" Ps. 57:7.
- 10.** You should praise the Lord because God by repetition appeals to your heart. "Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee" Ps. 67:3. You are "one of the people;" you must obey His call to joyful praises!
- 11.** You should praise the Lord because you believe the challenging truth of Ps. 113:3, "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's Name is to be praised."
- 12.** You should praise the Lord because God commands, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" Ps. 150:6. You have breath; you must praise Him!

