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"I will **never** leave you,
nor forsake you"
promised our God and
Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Heb. 13:5; Deut 31:6





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Jesus in the Midst

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"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." John 20:19

This seems to be the outstanding theme of Jesus' activities during the 40 days after his resurrection. In one way or another He is always seen in the midst of His disciples, or other believers. Paul mentions that He was seen by over 500. **1 Corinthians 15:6.**

Jesus has always been in the midst or middle of all of God's plans for man, for time and eternity. **"Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;" Proverbs 8:30.** All through man's history, Jesus has been in the midst, but even more so and in a greater way after the resurrection and the completion of man's redemption. **"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:" Colossians 1:16**

After his resurrection, Jesus performed no miracles for the multitudes; He is seen mainly in the presence of his

disciples. He made a promise while ministering to them. **"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."** **Matthew 18:20** This promise is also for us. It applies to all believers since Jesus' resurrection.

In the Old Testament we find Him as well. It should not be thought that Jesus suddenly appears in the New Testament and was absent in the Old simply because His incarnation as a man happens in the New Testament.

Consider the account in Daniel of the three Hebrew children that were thrown into the fire. **"Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire."** Dan 3:24-26.

In the midst of their fiery trial, Jesus stood with them. He is not afraid to stand with us today in the midst of our fiery trial. We just need to be willing to see Him there.

Today, we find Jesus in the midst of His church. He is walking among the candlesticks as the judge. **"And I**

turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters." Revelation 1:12-15.

We find Him judging His church in the second and third chapters of Revelation. We need not be afraid of Jesus judging His church, as He is preparing those that are allowing Him. Jesus **"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word," Ephesians 5:25-26.** Notice that He is preparing His bride out of the church by the Word.

The Word of God is exactly how Jesus is in our midst today. The Word is how He is working in the life of any believer that wants to be prepared for that bridal company.

And finally, we see Jesus in the midst in heaven. **"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." Revelation 5:6 "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the**

throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” Revelation 7:16-17.

Jesus will be in the midst for eternity. We will be worshiping Him for eternity. Those that find Him in the midst today will not regret allowing Him to prepare them with the Word of God. My encouragement to you is to put Jesus in the midst (center) of your life today and every day.



***One thing have I desired of the Lord.
That will I seek after.
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.
To behold the beauty of the Lord
and to enquire in His temple.
To behold the beauty of the Lord
and to enquire in His temple.***

***For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion.
in the secret of His tabernacle,
He shall hide me,
He shall set me up upon a rock.
To behold the beauty of the Lord
and to enquire in His temple.
To behold the beauty of the Lord
and to enquire in His temple.***

Think on These Things-Part 3

(Phil. 4:8)

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Number six on the list of things which we have been instructed by Paul to think upon is "whatsoever things are of good report." "Good report" means "reputable, well spoken of." Today many people search the internet for answers to their questions, but unfortunately not all of the websites are reputable or reliable sources of information. However, there is one source that is 100% reliable and reputable, and that is the inspired Word of God. It is the "good report."

In Acts 6:1-6 we read that the disciples needed help to serve the people, so in v. 12 we find that they chose seven "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" to appoint over the matter. If our desire is to be of service to the Lord, then we also should be of honest, or "good report," because we are representatives of Christ Himself.

Hebrews chapter 11 is filled with good reports of many Old Testament believers who walked by faith and overcame obstacles. However, some of those who were considered heroes of faith, such as Samson, David, Abraham and Rahab, had done some things that were not of good report. That is because those men and women in this chapter were just ordinary people like you and I who stumbled and made mistakes. Why weren't their mistakes listed along with their accomplishments? That is because the writer wished to proclaim only those

deeds that were done by faith, only those things that were of "good report," which he clarifies in v. 39: "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith..." And so, it is the things of "good report." which we are encouraged by Paul to meditate upon when we look upon others or even upon ourselves.

The seventh thing listed by Paul for us to focus upon is "if there be any virtue." "Virtue" in this verse refers to "moral excellence," or "being pleasing to God." This, of course, speaks of Christ who was without sin and was pleasing to His Father. After Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan by John, we read in Matt. 3:17 that there came a voice from heaven saying, "...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. We also, as Christians should endeavor to be pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

In Prov. 31:10-31 we find a description of the virtuous woman. It starts out with v. 10 which exclaims, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Then in v. 31 it summarizes her description by stating, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." She is a picture, or type, of the bride of Christ. As we think upon these verses we may wonder how that could ever be said of us if we are to be in the bridal company. How could we ever attain unto such a standard as that? It is by reason of the fact that the virtuous character of the bride is actually the life of Christ in her, and not her own. We have nothing in ourselves of which to boast, for all of the glory belongs to Him. The more that we meditate upon Him, the more like Him that we become.

The 8th and final thing which Paul mentions for us to think upon is "if there be any praise." The Hebrew word for "praise" is "halal," which means "to commend, to

shine, to celebrate, to give glory." The word "Hallelujah," meaning "praise the Lord," is derived from this word.

Ps. 150 is a psalm of praise and is a perfect example of what we are to meditate upon. I would like to highlight the first two verses: "Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in the sanctuary: Praise Him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; Praise him according to his excellent greatness." No one is excluded from praising the Lord, for v. 6 closes with these words: "Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."

In summary, all of the things which Paul has instructed us to think upon, (those things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtue and praise), paint a picture of Christ, our Beloved Bridegroom. As we meditate upon Him and His Word, we are changed into His image from glory to glory and prepared to reign with Him as His Bride.



***From Glory to Glory He's changing me,
Changing me, changing me.
His likeness and image to perfect in me,
The love of God shown to the world.
For He's changing, changing me.
From earthly things to the heavenly.
His likeness and image to perfect in me,
The love of God shown to the world.***

CONSECRATION

**My Jesus, as Thou wilt!
O may Thy will be mine;
Into Thy hand of love
I would my all resign.
Through sorrow, or through joy,
Conduct me as Thine own;
And help me still to say,
My Lord, Thy will be done.**

**My Jesus as Thou wilt;
Though seen through many a tear,
Let not my star of hope
Grow dim or disappear.
Since Thou on earth hast wept
And sorrowed oft alone,
If I must weep with Thee,
My Lord, Thy will be done.**

**My Jesus, as Thou wilt!
All shall be well for me;
Each changing future scene
I gladly trust with Thee.
Straight to my home above
I travel calmly on,
And sing, in life or death,
My Lord, Thy will be done.**

SHARING TESTIMONIES

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My Testimony

Looking forward to the light-house titled Glorious Gospel. Oh, the truth of God is working in us (Philippians 1:6) to draw us unto Jesus and inclose us into the secret place (Psalm 91:1) of dependence on His Love, Grace, Mercy, and Help by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 30:10, "Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper."

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His Promise

**There are days when trials –
Seem to loom ahead.
Fears and doubts assail me
Filling me with dread.**

**Though my heart may tremble –
In a little while,
Jesus stands beside me
And I begin to smile.**

**Promises He has made –
Banish all my fears,
It is His gentle Hand
That wipes away my tears.**

**“Never will I leave thee” –
He whispers to my heart.
I stand upon the promise
He never will depart.**

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Ephesians

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Chapter 3

“For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.” Ephesians 3:1-7

It is very important to understand that Paul was chosen to deliver the message of God’s grace, especially to the Gentiles. So many are failing to understand that God had always intended to bring the Gentiles in to His family, but it was not openly presented to His ancient people Israel. Some still want to tell us that only Israel is a partaker of what Jesus did.

Others, want to take Israel completely out with a teaching that Gentiles now replace Israel in God's future plans. A simple reading of Romans 11 will clear this up easily. God still has plans for His people Israel, but now, we are in an age of grace where Gentiles are being brought in.

The method for entry is the same for Gentiles today as it is for Jews. It is all through God's grace extended through Jesus and His completed sacrifice on the cross. This **"mystery" (a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding)** was shown to Paul. Remember that Paul was well educated in the Law and Prophets. If anyone would have reason to think this was incorrect, it would have been Paul. Maybe this is why Jesus chose Paul to present this **"mystery."**

The idea that Gentiles could also be God's people was very foreign to the Jews. There are hints of this in the Old Testament, but it was not fully revealed before the book of Acts where God makes it plain that He will bring in the Gentiles to also be His people. **Acts 11:18**. This is not a sudden change in God's mind. He always intended to bring people from all nations into His family.

We saw this already in chapter 2 of Ephesians. Paul explains that we are both (Jew and Gentile) brought together in one body. There is no difference in God's view of a Jew that is saved through faith in Jesus or a Gentile that is saved through faith in Jesus. Here Paul refers to us as fellow heirs and of the same body.

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of

Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:" Ephesians 3:8-11

Paul reminds us that the gospel (good news) is exactly what he has been telling us. That Jesus is gathering from every nation those that will trust in Him by faith. It is God's grace that brings us the gospel, and God's grace that chose Paul and enabled him to bring us this good news.

It may be because this was a "**mystery**" in the Old Testament, that so many today fail to understand it. Many are still trying to fuse believers today into Israel and putting them under bondage to a law that was given to show that even having the written law of God did not enable Israel to be righteous.

What God had planned from before the foundation of the world was to bring all things together in Jesus and that group of people called the "**church**" (called out ones) would demonstrate that only God's grace could accomplish such a thing.

This is not just intended for the world to see and marvel, but even "**principalities and powers in heavenly places.**" God's wisdom through His grace accomplished something that no human or "principality or power in heavenly places" could accomplish.

I feel that it is extremely important to recognize this work that God is accomplishing through us. Failure to understand this will lead to a failure to yield our lives to God's working. He is not creating a religion. He is not creating self righteous people. He is not creating a "Christian" nation. He is creating a display of His wisdom. He is creating a people (individuals) who make up the body of Christ (the church), who will bring Him glory for eternity.

To some, this may seem like a silly thing. They want recognition for their accomplishments. They want to feel like they did better than others. They want to think that eternity is going to give them some recognition. However, I think that realizing that God is taking a failed human person and creating something that brings glory to the eternal, self existent, all righteous God, should be nothing short of amazing and glorious.

For those that think that the law and Israel was the fulness of God's plan, they are missing out on the even more glorious part of God's plan. This is not something that God thought of after Israel failed to keep His law and failed to be faithful to Him. It was always His plan. God is not yet done with Israel, but this time is something glorious.

I love this letter to the Ephesians. It lays out so simply and clearly God's overall plan and helps us understand what our part of that plan is.



Faithfulness

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Matthew 25:14–30 takes us to the Parable of the Talents where we see the difference between those that possess Jesus as their Savior verses those that just profess to be Christian. As we study this parable, we see that the man traveling, which gave the talents, is representative of Christ himself and that the long time he is gone is the church age. He gives one of His servants 5 talents another 2 talents and another 1 talent. The last part of verse 15 though is very important to consider. Each was given according to their several abilities.

Now, what they were given were opportunities to do something that would further the kingdom of their lord. It is the exact same for us today! We also are given opportunities (talents) according to our abilities. The lord entrusted them with these opportunities to gain or benefit him and his kingdom. It's no different for us that work a job today. We are given opportunities according to our own abilities. Some are janitors, some are in parts, some sales, some fix things, some make things, some design things, some manage the budget, some manage people, some manage work load or flow, some the entire direction of a business or company but regardless of what ability each has, there is an opportunity to do the best they can with the ability they've been given to further the advancement of the

company. Well, it's no different in our spiritual lives today. The opportunities (talents) we are given are according to the abilities that we possess, and our Lord does know what to entrust to each one of us.

Immediately, we see the results in verse 16 because the one that received 5 talents doubled his allotment, verse 17 shows the one that had 2 talents also doubled his, but the one that received 1 did nothing. Now the part we've all been waiting for, the reward! Verse 20-21 says ***"And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."*** Great, he had 5 and got 5 more but what about the guy that 'just' had 2 and only got 2, what does the Lord say to him? Verse 22-23 ***"He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."***

Note that the reward for each of these 2 individuals was THE EXACT SAME! WHAT, CAN'T BE???? YEP! THE EXACT SAME! Well, back to our earthly job example

above, our thoughts are there's no way this can be right, this isn't fair, I do way more work than Bob and I should get more reward than he does and.....hold on. What are we doing here? We are applying earthly wisdom to spiritual situations, and we must not do so. We must understand some very key principles. They were given opportunities according to their ability. Our earthly thinking is since I can do more, I SHOULD get more but with God's kingdom, what was rewarded, the amount? NOPE! The FAITHFULNESS to what was given! They were BOTH faithful to what they were given so they both get the same reward. It is the **faithfulness that is rewarded**.

It is also important to note we don't see how hard the tasks were, what they had to endure, how much they suffered, or struggled and why is that? Because it is irrelevant, that's right, it just doesn't matter. What's important is the faithfulness. What does God want? He wants a faithful servant that is willing to be responsible with what HE wants us to do with the ability that's been given. Take our abilities and be responsible with the opportunities we've been given.

Back to our parable as we have 1 more to account for. It's the one that did nothing but hid his opportunity. He thought he knew about God, he told everyone he was a Christian but we see here he didn't know the first thing about his lord. How do we know that? Well, he said himself that he was afraid. How could he have known the Lord (or his lord) and been afraid since ***There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:***

because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18. There was no appreciation of what was given to him which led to outright rejection of God’s wonderful grace. Verse 26 shows us that very thing because those that are saved aren’t wicked.

So, the opportunity that was given to this one was taken and given to the one that had 10. The lord knew who to give that opportunity to so there would be return on his investment. If he would’ve taken that 1 and turned it into another 1 there would have been more to come. If he had taken it and done something to capture a bit of interest it would’ve been something but instead, we see complete rejection of all things.

For us today, salvation is the first step, but we must not stop there. Too many folks accept that gift then use it to live the earthly life they want to live. There is so much more to be had. We must NOT judge or compare our abilities with one another, as each ability has a purpose in the body of Christ. Again, what was rewarded, the amount? No, the eternal reward was the same for the two that were faithful with their earthly talents. Those abilities are what provide opportunities to further God’s agenda in this world. Not as great crusaders but as lights, as testimonies, as witnesses that we should show for the praises of Him! Be encouraged and press towards the prize.



Conquering the “Ites” in Our Lives

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Before Israel entered the Promised Land, God warned Moses about seven specific nations that stood in the land they were about to possess. These nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites—would become obstacles that Israel would need to overcome. For the purpose of this lesson, we will simply refer to them as the “ites.”

In Deuteronomy 7, the Lord told Israel that when He brought them into the land, He would cast out these seven nations, even though they were greater and mightier than Israel. God commanded His people to utterly destroy them, make no covenant with them, show them no mercy, and avoid intermarrying with them. The reason was clear: these nations would turn Israel away from following the Lord. Their altars, images, groves, and idols were to be destroyed because God desired a holy people separated unto Himself.

The Lord reminded Israel that they were not chosen because of their strength, size, or ability. In fact, they were the fewest among the nations. God chose them because He loved them and because He was faithful to the covenant He had made with their fathers. He had redeemed them from Egyptian bondage with a mighty hand, and He would continue to be faithful to those who loved Him and kept His commandments.

A similar promise is found in Exodus 23:20-24. God promised to send His Angel before Israel to lead them into the place He had prepared. If they would obey His voice, God would become an enemy to their enemies and would cut off the nations that stood before them. Once again, they were instructed not to bow down to the gods of these nations or imitate their practices, but rather to completely overthrow their idols and images.

In Deuteronomy 20, God provided additional instructions concerning warfare. Israel was told not to fear when they faced armies larger and stronger than themselves. They were not to be intimidated by horses, chariots, or great numbers because the Lord who delivered them from Egypt would fight for them. God would go before them, save them, and give them victory. The chapter emphasizes that when confronting these enemies, nothing was to be left that would continue to influence or corrupt God's people. The reason was simple: God did not want Israel learning the abominations and sinful practices of the surrounding nations.

There are several practical lessons we can draw from this Old Testament picture. First, God had given Israel a land to possess. Likewise, God has given believers a position in Christ. Ephesians 2 tells us that we are seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Yet Ephesians 6 reminds us that there is a spiritual battle involved in entering into and enjoying all that God has provided for us.

There is also a personal application. God gives each of us places of service and responsibility. Years ago, God called me to pastor an assembly. Along the way, there have been many "ites" that stood in the path—opposition from family, friends, circumstances, and even fellow

believers. Yet I can testify with Paul, “out of them all the Lord delivered me” (2 Timothy 3:11). Even today, I continue to trust the promise of 2 Corinthians 1:10, that the God who has delivered will yet deliver.

The inhabitants of the land had to be removed. While this may sound harsh at first, the spiritual lesson is important. The flesh cannot be allowed to remain in control. It must be dealt with according to God’s instructions. We see this principle illustrated in circumcision, which symbolized the cutting away of the flesh. God knew that if Israel tolerated the practices of these nations, corruption would eventually follow. In the same way, we cannot make peace with the works of the flesh. They must either be brought into submission or cut off entirely.

God’s concern was not merely military victory but spiritual protection. He desired to protect His people from corruption. My heart likewise yearns for God’s people to be protected from the corruption that exists in this world, both physically and spiritually. The influences around us constantly seek to pull us away from wholehearted devotion to Christ.

Another important lesson is that these nations were stronger than Israel. The challenges standing before us today are often greater than our own strength and ability. The “ites” we face—temptations, fears, trials, weaknesses, and spiritual battles—cannot be overcome through human effort. We cannot deliver ourselves. Victory does not come through determination, talent, or personal strength.

So how do we gain victory over the “ites” in our lives?

The answer is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our victory is based upon the victory He won at Calvary. Through faith, we identify with His death, burial, and resurrection. We recognize that our old man was crucified with Him and that we have been raised to walk in newness of life. Furthermore, those who have been filled with the Holy Spirit have been given divine power to overcome. As we yield ourselves to the Spirit, He enables us to overcome the flesh. The Spirit accomplishes what we could never accomplish on our own.

Just as Israel was called to be a special people, so the church today is God's called-out people. The Greek word *ekklesia* means "called-out ones." God did not call us because we were strong, capable, or self-sufficient. Like Israel, we were incapable of overcoming our enemies apart from divine intervention. We were the weak, the needy, and the dependent.

Why, then, did God choose us? The answer is wonderfully simple: He loved us. He loved you, and He loved me. He also acts according to His Word and His promises. Just as He remained faithful to His covenant with Israel, He remains faithful to every promise He has made to His children.

As we face the "ites" in our own lives, let us remember that God has called us, loved us, redeemed us, and equipped us for victory. The battle may be greater than we are, but it is not greater than our God. Therefore, let us walk forward in faith, knowing that the One who has delivered in the past is still delivering today and will continue to deliver in the days ahead. Above all, let us remember this great truth: the Lord our God is faithful.

"PRAISE YE THE LORD"

Praise ye the Lord! Let the glad carols ring!
Sweetest incense of praise while we worship the King.
Praise ye His name and His goodness adore.
Let us sing and rejoice evermore.

Praise ye the Lord! While the firmament high,
Wondrous work of His hand, echoes back the reply.
Let His great Name from rejoicing lips fall,
Blessed Savior and Master of all.

Praise ye the Lord! Let the grand anthem shell-
Like the sound of the sea, all His glory to tell.
Honor His name, laud and worship the King,
While the joy-bells of victory ring.

Hallelujah to Him Who is Lord over all,
Let His glorious praise from your lips gladly fall.
Hallelujah! Proclaim Christ is coming again:
Hallelujah! Oh glory amen.

— A. Blenkhorn

Psalm 113:1-3, "Praise ye the Lord, Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised."

Remember – if you want joy, peace, healing, or victory over the power of the enemy, Praise the Lord! From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.
PRAISE YE THE LORD!

By R. E. M.

Psalm 98:1

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things."

Singing praise is central to the Christian life. "Praise" is a word we often use. Yet we may forget its true meaning. To praise means to honor, worship, and express admiration for God. The phrase "sing praises" comes from a Hebrew word that means "to make music in praise of God."

The psalmist calls us to lift our voices, make music, and worship the Lord. When we sing praises, we declare His glory. But why should we praise Him? The answer is found in remembering what God has done: "for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him."

We are reminded of the song of Moses and Miriam at the Red Sea. When God delivered the people of Israel from Egypt with His mighty and outstretched arm, their response was to sing. They praised Him for His deliverance, salvation, victory over enemies, and preservation of His people.

As New Testament believers, we have an even greater reason to sing. God sent His Son, who lived a perfectly righteous life, dies sacrificially in our place, bore the wrath for our sins, and rose again. This is the greatest and most marvelous work, and it calls us to continual praise.

Written by Pastor Pani from India

The Encouraging Word

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man." Psalm 118:8

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me."
Psalm 138:7

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10

"Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee (keep you moving forward): he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:22

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God..." I Peter 5:6

"Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5

"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:" Numbers 6:24

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