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Part 2: Praise

Praise Celebrates His Presence

2 Samuel 6:12-17

¹² And it was told King David, "*The Lord has blessed the household* of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." *So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.* ¹³ And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. ¹⁴ And *David danced before the Lord with all his might.* And David was wearing a linen ephod.

2 Samuel 6:12-17

¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel ***brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn.***

¹⁶ As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and ***saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.*** ¹⁷ And they brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it.

Do you relate more with David & make a Big Deal about God's presence or do you relate more with Michael & make a Big Deal about how people see you?

Praise Welcomes His Rule

Psalms 22:3

"Yet you are holy, **enthroned on the praises of Israel.**"

2 Chronicles 20:17-23

17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' ***Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you.***"

18 Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, worshiping the Lord.

2 Chronicles 20:17-23

19 And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. 20 And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed."

2 Chronicles 20:17-23

21 And when he had taken counsel with the people, *he appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, "Give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever."*

22 *And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.*

2 Chronicles 20:17-23

23 For the men of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, devoting them to destruction, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another.

What battle do you need the Lord to fight for you? Move toward it in Praise!

Praise Opens the Door to His Presence

Psalms 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness! ***Come into his presence with singing!*** 3 Know that the Lord,

he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his

pasture. 4 ***Enter his gates with***

thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give

thanks to him; bless his name! 5 For the Lord is

good; his steadfast love endures forever, and

his faithfulness to all generations.

Isaiah 60:18

18 Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and *your gates Praise.*

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*How much freedom do you have to
praise God verbally, joyfully,
physically?*

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