

KNOWING WHERE TO TAKE YOUR PRAISE

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1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

Acts 3:7-9

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

MAIN MESSAGE

1. PRAISE HAS A DESTINATION

- Everyone has the choice of where to take their celebration.
- Some go to lodges with friends, others to restaurants, while others choose to share with the needy.
- Just as Nehemiah told the people after Ezra had read the book: “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” (Nehemiah 8:10).

2. TRUE PRAISE BELONGS TO GOD

- When you thank someone who had no role in what you received, you miss the point.
- The one who played the main role in your life is God. Therefore, He must be praised before all people.

3. PRAISING GOD IS NOT A FORMULA

- Praising God means telling Him how you are in your daily life.
- It is acknowledging to God what you could not do on your own but He did, or what He is doing even now in your weakness.

4. REMEMBER EVERYTHING IS NOT YOURS ALONE

- It is not right to boast before people about what you have, because you are not the only one who has it.
- Others may see it as ordinary, but for you it should be a reason to glorify God.

5. PRAISE BELONGS IN THE TEMPLE

- Praise is not only for the world, but true praise belongs in the temple among the saints.
- For it is there that people can clearly see the works of God and His name is glorified.

LESSONS TO LEARN

- Rejoicing in God is the greatest joy. We should not only rejoice in what we see, but in the Creator Himself.

- Praising God has the power to heal and deliver. The lame man entered the temple walking and leaping, praising God, and everyone witnessed it and was transformed.
- Praising God becomes a powerful testimony. Others see you giving thanks and are moved to glorify God themselves.

CONCLUSION

👉 Giving thanks to God is essential in our daily lives.

- Give thanks in good and bad times.
- Give thanks in small and great things.
- Give thanks even in what others may see as ordinary, because therein lies your testimony.

Luke 17:19

And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

“Though the journey was tough, you overcame; though the challenges were great, you prevailed. Therefore, let us continually give thanks to God.”