

Weapon of Praise

Praise is related to God's greatness or awesomeness. **Praise is a Very Powerful Tool** for God's supernatural intervention.

Four Things Happen When We Praise God

The children of Israel sang in Exodus 15: 11, *"Who is like You among gods, O Lord? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?"*

"Awesomeness in praise" reveals how great our God is.

- **He alone is worthy of all our praise.**
- **To Him belongs all the praise.**
- **Only our God can be praised and none other.**

1. Praise Surrounds us His Presence

- Psa 22:3 NLT-Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

2. Praise Silences Satan:

Satan's **main activity is accusations against God's children**. He is full time into accusing children of God. He does this to **push us to a place of guilt and shame**.

Revelations 12:10 says, *"And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night"*

Jesus was performing miracles in the temple when the children cried "Hosannah".

The chief priest and the scribes objected that.

Jesus quoted the scripture as in Psalm 8:2, *"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babes, You have ordained strength, Because of your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger"*.

3. Praise Strengthens God's Children:

Matthew 21:15,16, God's word declares, *"But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant, and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?"*

And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou has prepared praise for Thyself?"

Notice the word "Out of the mouth". The **mouth is the primary channel for releasing our spiritual weapons** against Satan's kingdom. **Secondly**, this verse speaks of **infants and babes**. This means **those who have no natural strength of their own, who much rely on God's strength**. Jesus refers to the people who do not have natural strength of their own when He said babes and not necessarily those who are new born in the natural.

Here we see that **God has provided His people strength to deal with this entire kingdom**.

Jesus was out in the temple and the little children were shouting, "Hosannah!"

Jesus was quoting **Psalm 8:2**, *"At that time Jesus answered and said, "Out of the mouth of infants and*

nursing babes you have established strength”.

4. Praise Releases Power: Acts 16:25 NLT-Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying/ singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.-

- **When God’s children use their mouth effectively, there is no way out for the enemy.**
- **Praise literally binds the enemy.**

In other words, the **party that uses the mouth effectively wins the war.**

- **If God’s people keep silent, they cannot win.**
- **When they begin to praise, the enemy has to keep quite.**

Praise Invites God to do battle for you

You should not be terrified of your enemies instead be certain that God will fight the battle for you,

- **2 Chronicles 20:22** says “*And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten*”. When we praise God, He fights the battle for us and also conquers it for us.

Psalm 149:6-9, “*May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double edged sword in their hands, to inflit vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron, to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints*”

These verses sounded so promising to me when I read this.

This speaks of God’s saints and what they can do through praise.

- **That praise should be accompanied by a two-edged sword.**
- **It means praise should be coupled with God’s word.**

We have the authority committed to us, through God’s word and through the weapon of praise, to administer God’s written judgment on angels, rulers, kings, peoples and nations. That implies a great amount of power and authority. Isn’t that awesome! Praise God. Thank you Jesus for the authority you have given us as your children!

2 Samuel 22:4 “*I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies*”. The Lord will save us from our enemies if we use praise as our weapon and our God is always worthy of praise.