

Praise

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of praise in our lives, and how it can bring us into the kingdom experience and defeat the enemy.

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Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:30, 1 Samuel 30:20, 2 Kings 6:17, 2 Chronicles 20:12, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:13

Topics: "Praise"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the story of Elijah and his servant when they saw the mountains full of chariots, representing the enemy. The preacher emphasizes that when we don't let God reign in our lives, we become vulnerable to the attacks of the enemy. However, when we allow God to reign, we can experience victory and gather spoils instead of being defeated. The preacher also highlights the importance of praise as a powerful weapon in the ministry, citing examples from the Old Testament, such as Jehoshaphat's victory over a vast enemy army. The sermon encourages believers to learn from these lessons and become effective teachers, winning souls for Christ.

Transcript

And so I'm glad to the Lord, the Holy Ghost, for a practical school. He doesn't only talk to us about praise, like the Baptist preachers used to. I used to wonder about it.

The choir would sing, Shout unto the Lord, and everything within a shout. And one time, when the Lord came upon me, I gave just a little wee bit of a shout. Experience.

And experience is the best school. It is practical. We don't have too much praise.

The fail is in them. That is the kingdom experience. It's an evidence that the kingdom is coming to us.

When Jesus Christ, and through us, people make comparisons. They say, for instance, that it seems to me that with Jesus on, Oh, we've got to wake up as we heard. It's within you.

Praise God. It's Christ. A kingdom that Christ Jesus.

Down the soul within my heart. Jesus Christ. We quoted that.

And see whether that has experience. Christ in me. Oh, sin will be there.

Flesh will reign. Really is in me. He and the Father indeed.

The basketball team of the church of the Immaculate Conception. They won first place. Praise will tell the King.

Oh, when the King reigns within your heart. That he's all around. He says, I can't help it.

Well, that's awful. Jesus says, no man can serve. You cannot have.

Or worry. And Jesus says, one or the other. He that believeth in me.

And he that eateth me. Shall live by me. Even as I live by the living Father.

Oh, how important it is that we praise God. Continuously. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

And you know that one of the grandest and greatest and most lasting kings. I became a praiser. A bow-legged one.

Jesus really had come into my life. I did not allow him to deliberately. Ye shall not fulfill.

He is mightier than the flesh. And ye are not called things by their right name. Instead of Cusperdor, he said, Spithun.

And there I woke up. I found out that these nice names for our flesh won't do. It's just a dump.

I like to sing. Somewhere, the sun is shining. D-U-M-P.

He calls it by its right name. He calls it flesh. It's as if you live in the flesh.

They did not rejoice evermore. Oh, how important. And it's a kingdom experience.

And that gave me a gift of praise. It set in. And if you're ever going to be used in the ministry, you'll find out.

We have wonderful illustrations. In the presence of a great inspiration. We don't know inspiration.

Instead of building hydrogen bombs and getting his armaments ready, he called on the weapons. He set the singers before the artillery. They had to meet the enemy.

They had to go before and praise the name of the Lord. And all the people followed after. And when they praised the Lord, great hailstones fell upon the enemy and destroyed them all.

And presently, they got so confused that every man's sword was against the other. And they slew one another until there wasn't a single one left. Mind you, such a clean cut job God did when his people praised the Lord.

Oh, hallelujah. And not only that, not only were the enemies defeated by the praises of God, not only did the enemies defeat themselves, absolutely. They didn't need to shoot one arrow.

Just the praises of the Lord. No wonder he said, one shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight. But they were three days in gathering to spoil them.

They came home loaded down with gifts and with all kinds of riches so that it took three days to gather. Instead of fighting three days and getting licked in the end, they were gathering to spoil for three days. Have you ever experienced that? Do you know why that's in the Bible? Why, because there's a great army of rich men and all your ingenuity and all your fighting is not going to win.

But oh, when praises of God are called upon, Mrs. MacPherson tells in the early experience of her death meeting how that one night the meeting was tied up. The atmosphere was black. I've known some ministers that wade right through.

Instead of getting the wonderful weapons of the Spirit of God to work against the enemy, they get carnal weapons. They have an entertainment. That's what she did later, you know, unfortunately.

They put on a show or anything to hold the people and they fool the people and then the devil withdraws. He is not interested at all. He's won the victory.

But in those days, Mrs. MacPherson was a messenger of Jehovah and her business was to preach the kingdom of God. And so she said, Lord, what's the matter? And the Lord opened her eyes and she saw the tent surrounded by black fellows, demon powers. Oh, that was what was the matter.

The devil was in charge. Undoubtedly, there were people there that had invited him and there was not the faith and there was not the worship. And so when she saw that, she knew what to do.

She got up and she said, Hallelujah, praise the Lord. And when she did that, she saw this army of the devil taking one step backward and there was an opening there. And presently she said, Hallelujah again.

And then somebody in the audience pipes up and said, Hallelujah. And every time Hallelujah was uttered, these devils stepped back until they were almost altogether gone and then the glory of God came upon that meeting and everybody was shouting the praises of God. Devils, the angels of God surrounded the tent.

I've never had a vision like that but it's happened many, many times in my ministry, in my travels in Europe where the atmosphere was as black as hell. God broke through by praise. It's unspeakably wonderful when you get into that atmosphere.

Do you know what it is? Why, it's exactly the same experience that Elisha had and his servant when they saw the mountains full of chariots. The enemy had come and the young man opening the Venetian blind looked out and said, Good night. It was really morning.

Good night, there comes the swine. That's what we do when we go. Oh, beloved, it's because the king is not on the throne, because we don't let him reign.

Elisha prayed a wonderful prayer. He said, Lord, open his eyes and present all chariots of fire. Hello, I am with you all the way even unto the end of the earth but the devil fights us all the time.

He contests every step of faith that you take. And oh, when we learn our lessons and experiences in victory like Jehoshaphat, when we feel like going down because there are so few with us, Elisha prayed the same prayer. He said, Lord, there are so few with us but it's nothing would be to save by many or by them that have no power.

Oh, I trust that by these lessons that God gives us in our meetings, we are at last becoming teachers, the Bible says we ought to be. God ought to be able to send us out into the dark places of the earth and to win them from the hand of the devil for Christ like Jehoshaphat did with his choir, setting the choir before an army, supposing our president Roosevelt had done that when he sent our armies into the fray or when he sent them into Korea. Beloved, I am sure that if the United States instead of building hydrants and bombs would get to prayer and to praising the Lord, communism would soon be wiped off the earth.

I'm positive because I know that to say about that positive, hallelujah, I know that he's given us weapons that are mighty through God. When he says the kingdom of God is within you, he means that Jesus Christ wants to be enthroned in your heart, hallelujah. And when he says the shout of a king is in them and in another place talking about Jesus, he says in the midst of the church will I sing praises unto thee.

Beloved, we have to make the choice. We've got to say who is going to reign. We have to vote, men and women alike.

There's neither male nor female. I saw an interesting article the other day celebrating the defeat of women's suffrage. It's a funny stand.

It's a man and a woman side by side between them with sweat. Thank God we have to praise the Lord and to praise. Oh, do you let Jesus praise.

It'll cost you something. It'll cost you. It'll cost you.

And in places that he'll give. The oil of joy. Leave me singing a German song.

Defying their wisdom, flee. When God has come to see. Forward in love with the higher.

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