

Freedom Ministries Fellowship Notes

The Sacrifice of Praise – God’s Presence Brings Victory and Protection

Opening prayer:

Praise and Worship: 10 minutes:

Testimonies: 5 minutes

Review: The Sacrifice of Praise – God’s Presence Brings Victory and Protection

Last week we learned one of the Hebrew words for praise is yahdah (Strong’s 3034). A very similar Hebrew word for praise is halal (Strong’s 1984). It means to boast and give thanks clamorously to the Lord. When you add the Hebrew letter “tav” to each word you get the words towdah and thillah. The pictogram for the letter tav is a cross. Towdah and thillah literally mean the sacrifice of praise or thanksgiving. Today, we no longer offer bulls and goats as our sacrifice. Instead we offer the sacrifice of praise.

Psalm 22:3 says, “But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises (thillah) of Israel. When we give praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, we are acknowledging God’s presence. All of our enemies flee in God’s presence and we are ensured of victory and protection. Exodus 15:11 tells us “God is fearful in praises (thillah), doing wonders.” When we praise the Lord, God performs wonderful miracles in our lives and turns around every situation for our good.

Psalm 100:4-5 says, “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving (towdah), and into his courts with praise (thillah): be thankful (yawdaw) unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” We are to be thankful that God’s mercy, or loving faithfulness, is everlasting and will never fail.

We don’t have to wonder if praise works. God illustrates this for us in 2 Chronicles 20. The enemy had completely surrounded King Jehoshaphat and his people. God tells the King in verse 17 “You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation (Jesus saves) of the Lord, who is with you.” In verse 21 God instructed the people to “Praise (yawdaw) the Lord, for His mercy (loving faithfulness) endures forever.” As Jehoshaphat and His people praised, the Lord destroyed all of their enemies and brought in abundance of spoils.

This is a great lesson on the power of praise and the presence of God. When we praise and give thanks, we will see our enemies scatter and Jesus will save every area of our lives. Jesus will make our finances, families, businesses and careers whole. We do not need to be anxious. The battle is not ours. We just need to offer up the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. We can stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

Prayer: 10 Minutes:

If there is any situation in your life that needs prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to pray through you for that situation. The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us according to the will of God. It is the perfect prayer and is always answered!

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Psalm 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Amen