

The Truth in Praise
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Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." **(John 8:31, 32 NKJV)**

Only short-lived victories are gained by those who do no more than use the truth. The secret of being truly made free by a truth is to own it, and ultimately to become possessed by it.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." **(John 14:6 NKJV)**

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. **(Romans 6:18 NKJV)**

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. **(Romans 6:22 NKJV)**

Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake. And they launched out. But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!" **(Luke 8:22-25 NKJV)**

When you're looking at Jesus, the storm ceases. Look at the question Jesus asked them, "Where is your faith?" The next line says, "and they were afraid." Their faith was in what they saw. He told them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." Those words were filled with wind-stopping, water-calming faith-His faith! They should have spoken to the storm, but they focused on the turmoil surrounding them.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **(Romans 10:17 NKJV)**

Fear comes by hearing and believing the turmoil. Have faith in God.

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. **(Mark 11:22-24 NKJV)**

To pray effectively, we must learn to praise God.

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **(Matthew 6:9 NKJV)**

Our Father in Heaven, Holy, Holy, Holy is your name. Hallow means "Holy, Holy, Holy."

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound. **(Psalms 92:1-3 NKJV)**

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful. **(Psalms 147:1 NKJV)**

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant. For the Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure. **(Psalms 135:3, 4 NKJV)**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the Lord with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. **(Psalms 33:1-3 NKJV)**

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." **(Revelation 4:9-11 NKJV)**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **(I Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV)**

This verse does not say, "Everything that occurs is God's will in Christ Jesus concerning you." So, give thanks for everything. In everything give thanks for that very spirit of praise is God's will in Christ Jesus for you.

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **(Ephesians 5:17-20 NKJV)**

For is the root word meaning, "over or above." Our thanks should rise over and above all things, especially those things that trouble us.

I bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. **(Psalms 34:1-3 NKJV)**

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. **(Psalms 22:3 KJV)**

Inhabitest means, "to sit, down, to dwell, to enthrone as a King the praise of His people. God is enthroned upon the praises of His people."