



Dear Partners,

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Praise the Lord!

This month millions of American's will celebrate Thanksgiving surrounded with family and friends, enjoying a delicious meal. The idea of the Thanksgiving holiday is one of gratitude and recognition for everything that we have been blessed with. But what if "Thanksgiving" becomes a way of life for every believer? Several months ago God began to teach us the importance of giving thanks and praising Him daily. You have probably heard us mention this in every newsletter in the month of November, but being thankful is not just reserved for one day of the year at Thanksgiving. It needs to become a natural way of living for every Christian because **giving thanks through praise releases breakthrough.**

Your praise will bring your breakthrough in. You see, when you praise and worship the Father through Jesus by singing, dancing or in the Spirit, it brings you into a place of trust with God. You begin to change as you release your faith through your thanksgiving to your heavenly Father- Abba. The Bible tells in **Hebrews 13:15 that "Through Him (Jesus) then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."**

We can't just wait until we have seen all the answers to all our problems until we give God praise. When we praise God, it takes our focus off our troubles, problems, mountains and valleys and we are able to direct our focus on HIM. Praise releases powers and the forces of the heavenly armies of God! The praise of thanksgiving of God's Holy people opens doors that cannot be opened otherwise. It brings healing and deliverance into the life of the believer as they praise! Not only that, but our faith is **released** when we choose to praise Him. Our faith will begin to build up as we acknowledge that our needs are already taken care of by our heavenly Father. Praising God is the highest form of worship because it brings us into a trust and a reliance on God that can't be achieved in any other way. It let's God know, "Here I am Lord, I **choose** to worship you and praise you and thank you for ALL that YOU are and all that I am because of Jesus." It becomes an open declaration of God's goodness and it doesn't rely on anything we have to "do". God doesn't need our help to speed things up. He needs us to fully trust his goodness, grace and **timing** in every situation that we face; during any season in our lives.

Giving thanks to God and worshipping His holy name does another big thing: It releases the powers of heaven and lets satan know that we are NOT his and that our heavenly Abba Father takes care of us. It is declaring to satan that our TRUST is in the Lord Who is higher than all our worries, doubts and fears. Every time we choose to praise Him in the midst of the problems we face, we are making a bold statement to the powers of evil that our HOPE and TRUST are in Jesus alone. We are not moved by what we see, hear, feel or touch. We are

only moved by what the Word tells us because the Word of God has FINAL authority in our lives. That is the declaration that we are making when we choose to praise the Lord regardless of what we're going through. And it's a power declaration!

What does praise look like for you? What does giving thanks to our God look like for you? Maybe it's singing or reading Psalms. It may be speaking in your heavenly language and letting the Spirit take over. Praise might be lifting your hands to Jesus and thanking Him for the works He has done in your life or what He is about to do in your life. Psalm 103 tells us to never forget the benefits of the Lord,

“Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget none of his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.”

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

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Psalm 150

As many of you know, during the month of December our team will be overseas for our annual children's project and we would appreciate your prayers and support as our team takes off for Romania on December 1st. If you want to become a part of this project, let us know! Your continued support is the reason we can continue this project every single year!

When you partner with this Ministry, you are a part of the miraculous work that goes on in the lives of those who have been save, restored and set free!

In Christ,

John & Alexandra

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