

Why Praise Is Powerful

Luke 19:37-38 & Romans 15:9-11

1. The History of Praise
 - a. Praise is found twice in Genesis: Genesis 29:35 & Genesis 49:8
 - b. Praise is mentioned in only four places in all the Law Books.
 - c. The Old Testament was a covenant: an agreement. Those under the covenant benefited from the covenant. But praise is an act of appreciation and adoration to the covenant maker for the covenant.

2. David discovered the power in praise while discovering the wonder of God's Word.
 - a. Psalm 119:10-11, 16, 47-48, 105, 127-128, 160-161
 - b. David learned that God responds to praise. The word "praise" is found 164 times in Psalms - Psalms 150
 - c. As king he made praise a prime objective. This was known as the Tabernacle of David. I Chronicles 16:4, 7-11, 23, 29, 37, 40-41

3. Amos 9:11 - The Tabernacle of David is fallen

4. Acts 15:16 – I will rebuild again the Tabernacle of David. I.E. Worship with praise.

5. Christ never rejected praise – Luke 19:37-40
 - a. It is God's will that we praise Him.
 - b. Expect some flax sometimes.
 - c. Praise God when you don't feel like it.
 1. Praise Him under the worse conditions – Acts 16:22-25
 2. Praise Him loudly – Psalm 100 – "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"
Acts 16:25 – "the prisoners heard them"

6. Teach your children to praise God – Psalm 78:4

7. Praise God all your life – Psalm 104:33 & Psalm 146:2