

The Perspective of Praise: How the People of God Respond in Troubling Times?

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Bible-First Lifestyle reading: 2 Chronicles 5-24; Psalm 103-106

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name!" Ps. 103:1

How does praise change our perspective?

1. Praise reminds us of God's **power**.

"The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word. Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will." Ps. 103: 19-21

2. Praise **invites God** into your situation.

"Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103:2

3. Praise chases away **despair**.

"He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Ps. 103:10-12

4. Praise reminds us of **eternity**.

"For He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children..." Ps. 103:14-17

Practical ways to praise the Lord

1. Welcome God **into each new day** and thank Him for **each day past**.
2. Fill **your mind** with praiseworthy thoughts.
3. Count your **blessings** often.
4. Remind yourself often: **God is good!**
5. Keep every situation in the context of **eternity**.

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