



Joy and Praise in the Midst of Battle

“And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me; therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.” Psalm 27:6 (KJV)

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King David did not wait until the battle was over and all his enemies were defeated before he had joy and praised God. In the heat of the battle, surrounded by enemies trying to destroy him, David made choices. The first choice was to trust God no matter how bad the situation. The second choice was to offer God the sacrifices of joy in the midst of the battle.

Beloved, you and I know it is easy to have joy when everything is going well in our lives. However, sacrificial joy is very different. It comes from total confidence, trust, and faith that the God who loves me is in complete control of my life regardless of the circumstances. James 1:2-3 (KJV) reads, *“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.”* 1 Peter 1:6-7 (KJV) reads, *“Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”*

The third choice that David made was to sing praises to God while his enemies were trying to kill him. King David knew the power of praising God. He knew it was a powerful weapon against his enemies. Psalm 149:6-9 (KJV) reads, *“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; to*

bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all His saints. Praise ye the Lord.”

Beloved, Satan wants us to murmur, complain, worry, be fearful, distrust and get bitter at God and feel sorry for ourselves in the midst of the battle. Satan does not want us to trust and praise God because he knows our praise is a powerful weapon in the spiritual warfare against him.

David made choices of his will. He said in Psalm 27:6 (KJV), *“...Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.”* Through God’s AMAZING GRACE I have followed David’s example for over 30 years. I have experienced the power and joy of praising my Lord in the midst of many battles. He has never failed me. Many of you are in the midst of battle. Can I encourage you today? The Lord is with you. Praise Him! He knows what is best for you. He is in total control of your life. He will never fail you. He will never forsake you.

Unbeliever, can I encourage you? Give your life to Jesus. Put your trust in Him as your Savior. Only He can save your soul. He loves you, and He will not fail you.

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