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*So Praise, Praise, Praise!*

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# Praise Can Handle It

Praise the Lord Saints it is great to be back home in our own church, in my own soil once again! Let me first say to you thank you for lending me to the nation over the past three weeks, be it TBN, CBN, CNN, secular or Christian talk shows, we've been on explaining prophetically where we are. I realize that I could not have done it without the prayers and support of this wonderful, wonderful church I pastor. October is the month of praise here at Bethel and that's what we are going to do. Our lesson tonight is a lesson on what happens when we praise. We will look at praise through intercession, praise in the midst of adversity, praise in Thanksgiving. In the lesson taught May 25, 1999, Prayer, Praise and Intercession we learned that there's not much that praise can't handle. Our lesson tonight will deal with Prayer, Praise and Intercession and having done all... **Praise Him!**

*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*

*Acts 20: 28, 29*

## Definitions

**Praise** an expression of warm approval or admiration; stong commendation. <sup>2</sup> To extol or exalt; worship.

**Prayer** any act of communion with God, such as a confession, praise or thanksgiving. <sup>2</sup> Any fervent request.

**Intercession** Entreaty in favor of another. <sup>2</sup> One who stands in the gap. <sup>3</sup> One who carries the load.

*Entreaty – and earns request or petition; plea*

In Job 1:4 and throughout the book of Job we read of Job's intercession to God for his children. One cannot intercede without prayer. Prayer is communicating with God. One cannot sincerely pray without praise. Praising God sets the atmosphere. The scripture teaches us that this Job did continuously on behalf of his children.

*(Pastor please explain)*

In order to operate in your calling, you must pray (consult prayer constitution... lesson Tuesday, May 4, 1999). Having a right heart and a right attitude toward God, yourself and the people of God will establish you as an intercessor. Intercessors are always praisers, because they see the results of their prayers lived out in the lives of people who don't know that they are praying for them.

## **Things to Hinder You from Being An Intercessor**

1. You don't like people
2. You have no time for God

3. Gossip and Filthy Communication
4. Jealousy
5. Hate to see others prosper
6. Can't forget the past
7. Feel that God has not forgiven you of past sins
8. Haven't accepted God's justification of salvation through your confession.

The assignment for ministry many times is revealed to us through either prayer, praise or intercession and sometimes through a word of prophecy. But if you are convinced at the time a prophetic word is going forth that what you are hearing you have already heard in your spirit, then it is not a prophecy. It is a word of wisdom and a word of knowledge. Sometimes trials and constant tribulations can be a ministry assignment – God allowing storms in your life and in the lives of others to get you to pray and when you get victory another storm comes. The trials may be the voice of God telling you that your ministry is prayer and intercession. Being called to a life of prayer is an awesome assignment. One that says a lot about you and a lot about your character – that God will trust his hurting souls in your hands in prayer and intercession.

**Acts 16:16-30, Paul and Silas are thrown in a Roman jail but not until:**

1. The people rose up against them
2. Magistrate sentenced them
3. Tore off their clothes
4. Beat them with rods
5. Laid many stripes on them
6. Threw them in prison
7. Put them in the inner jail

**But in verse 25 of chapter 16 the bible says that Paul and Silas were praying, praising and singing hymns to God.**

1. praying
2. singing
3. praising
4. a great earthquake
5. shook the foundation of the prison
6. the prison doors were open
7. the chains were loosed
8. they stayed in the prison
9. the jailer got saved

Waiting on one's ministry assignment can be a very frustrating task for a person whose life is not governed by prayer. For what you think is a curse in many respects is a blessing.

### *Pray This Prayer*

*Lord I have learned so much tonight, and in many respects it has caused me to re-examine myself and my relationship with you. I now ask you to sanctify me and give me Godly patience that I may understand truly, this time that all things – absolutely, all things – are working together for my good, because my calling is for your purpose.*

*Settle now my spirit. Give me grace to deal with whatever life challenges me with as I seek your face for answers in Jesus' Name.*

*Amen*

## **Notes**

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