

Praising God Makes a Way for God to Come and Give Us His Peace

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Many months ago, my wife Dorothy and I, were facing and experiencing devastation, hopelessness and despair.

This was mental and physical.

Staring into this mountain of deep concern, I started to speak and proclaim Psalm 107:1,
“O, thank the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures for ever.”

I was making proclamation to God and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I kept repeating and repeating this verse of God’s truth, over and over, not knowing anything else to do, but thinking that this was right in the Lord Jesus Christ. Colossians 3:17.

I was making the proclamation with thankfulness and determination, right at the problems facing us.

I was speaking to the mountain of the problem we were facing. Mark 11:23.

After a time I started to sing this verse. I remembered the tune of a chorus we often sang a long time ago, and sang to that tune.

I sang:

“O, thank You Lord for You are good,
“O, thank You Lord for You are good,
“Your mercy endures for ever,
“O, thank You Lord You’re good.

The words of the old chorus were : (Some of you might know it.) 1John 1:7, 1Peter 1:18, 19, Revelation 12:11, Revelation 1:5.

“The Blood is flowing over me,
The Blood is flowing over me,
To wash away my guilty stain,
And set my spirit free.” (We sang this old song too.)

Now as we repeatedly sang Psalm 107:1, above, **the presence and power of God came upon us, and we were given a peace of God that removed the fear, despair and hopelessness, and gave us faith and hope that God was with us and in control, and working things out for us according to His will.** Romans 8:28.

Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians were written by the Apostle Paul, from a jail in Rome, where he was bound in chains.

When he said, **“REJOICE in the LORD ALWAYS, and again I say REJOICE,”** (Philippians 4:4), I think that he was saying the same thing that Dorothy and I found, namely, that God lives in the praises of His people and comes to us as we praise Him. Psalm 22:3. He comes with power, peace, hope, faith and healing.

When Jehoshaphat was in a similar situation, 2Chronicles 20, he and the nation of Israel also found this truth to be true.

Praise breaks the enemies’ power, sets the captives free, and sends us forth in power and victory. 2Chronicles 20:20 -23.

It is from prison to praise, as we praise the Lord, for he is good and His mercy endures for ever.

We also continued praising the Lord through Psalm 107:2 and 3, in a similar way.

In Ephesians 6:10 to 18, it says to take the whole armour of God and stand. It requires a standing in faith on the Word of God against the attacks of the enemy, to maintain the victory and the ground that has been won.

Keep standing and keep standing, and do not back off.

Keep in God’s Word and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, speaking to you by the inward witness.

God is for you. Psalm 57:9, Romans 8:31. Be strong and keep going forward.