

TOPIC: WISDOM AND POWER THROUGH PRAISE**TEXT: Genesis 49:8-10**

Genesis 49:8-10 (KJV) Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. 9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

BIBLE READING: (For the week) – Psalm 147:1-end**INTRODUCTION:**

There is so much more to praising God than we can ever fully comprehend or explain. Paul and Silas in Acts 16 conditioned themselves to praising and praying to God despite being jailed and condemned to death. God moved on their behalf and caused their chains to fall off and the prison doors sprang open. In this case, praise brought down the power of God. Just like Elisha and Jehoshaphat in 2 Kings 3, when we praise God with sincerity of heart and purpose, we become attuned to the frequency of God's Spirit, and so receive inspiration to make the right decision and take the right action in any situation. In such cases, Praise releases the wisdom of God for victory. All these point out to us that though praise is mandatory and primarily directed towards God, it releases upon us immeasurable impact. Today's outline dwells on accessing God's wisdom and power through Praise.

DISCUSSION: (Points To Note)

1. In your own understanding, what is the purpose of praise?
2. It is mandatory for Christians to praise God; it is the purpose for our being. Praise helps us to appreciate and celebrate our Good God as we continually realize this more and more. The following are things we experience when we engage in continual praise:
 - a) We experience divine intervention. (2 Chron. 20:20)
 - b) We experience divine increase. (Psalm 67:4-5)
 - c) We experience divine revelation for direction. (2 Chron. 20:15)
 - d) We experience victory over the enemy. (Act 16:10-18)

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CONCLUSION: ()

Though God created us for the purpose of His praise, we in turn gain tremendous advantages when we give ourselves to a life of praise. When we praise God from our hearts, we seek to touch and connect our hearts with His, a people after His own Heart. This pleases God exceedingly. So, make your heart a sanctuary of praise and let God inhabit your life and show forth his wisdom and power in your affairs. Praise shall not cease in your mouth in Jesus mighty name. Amen.