THE POWER OF PRAISE!

Psalm 147:1-20

INTRODUCTION: It is amazing what praising can do! Psalm 147 begins with a command, not a suggestion that should be taken as a divine direction for each of us as children of God: Psalm 147:1. The word “fitting” here means that praise is always appropriate. It fits every situation of each of our lives. Do you know that the Bible puts more emphasis upon praise than it does on prayer? Prayer is a means of getting things from our God. Praise is a form of worship to our God. You might ask today: “Why should I praise the Lord?

I. PRAISE SHOWS REVERENCE TO GOD!

First, our praise shows our reverence for our God. Psalm 147:1. Now what that means is that our God created us primarily to praise Him: Psalm 145:10. In fact continual praise of God is going on in heaven right now: Revelation 4:6-8. When we curse and use profanity we degrade our God, but when we praise Him, we exalt our God! We praise our God in direct relationship to what we think of our God. Our word “worship” is an indication of what we consider the worth of someone, or something is to our lives. Our God is worthy of all our praise not only because He is our Creator but also because every good thing we have comes from our God! James 1:17.

II PRAISE REFRESHES THE CHRISTIAN!

The second thing our praises do is it refreshes us! Yes, the praise of the Lord brings us new strength: Nehemiah 8:9-10. When we stop complaining and start praising God gives us His strength: Psalm 147:1-2. In praising our Lord, we find a refreshment, a healing, and a binding up! What a marvelous therapy our praises are to our souls. Do you know that only mankind and the angels have the ability to consciously praise God, because man has a spirit and animals don’t have a spirit. The spirit in man is the organ of praise. We have a human spirit and that is the organ of spiritual knowledge and the organ of spiritual praise. Many Christians have emotional and mental disorders because they are self-centered rather than God-centered. God created men and women to be God-centered, not self-centered. When we become self-centered we self-destructive: Luke 9:24. You cannot truly praise God without relinquishing this occupation with self. When self becomes a way of life, that life will come apart. We cannot praise the Lord and pout and curse at the same time: Isaiah 61:1-3.

III. OUR PRAISE OF THE LORD RELEASES THE POWER OF OUR FAITH!

Our praise of the Lord reverences our Lord; it refreshes our soul and releases our faith! The Bible tells us: Hebrews 11:6. Do you know that when you chose to praise the Lord you give your faith a vitamin shot? As we chose to praise our Lord our faith grows because faith is praise turned inside out! Psalm 147:4-5. Now what does that mean? When we concentrate on how great our God is and start praising the Lord your faith in the Lord will grow!

IV. OUR PRAISE REFELECTS OUR THANKFULNESS!

There is no greater sin than that of an ingrate. We are the sons and daughters of God and how we should be thankful to Him: Psalm 147:8-10. It truly is our God who gives us all things richly to enjoy! 1 Timothy 6:17.

V. OUR PRAISE OF THE LORD RESISTS THE DEVIL!

Our praise of our Lord helps us resist the devil! Psalm 147:10-13. Our nation was built on a foundation that was spiritual. Look at 2 Chronicles chapter 20 to see the power of praise! Our God truly is present everywhere, but our God inhabits the praises of His people in a very dynamic way! We need to be a people of praise toward our God: Psalm 34:1.