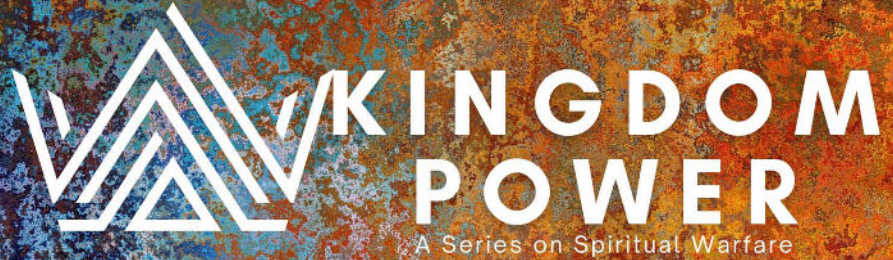




# Midweek Study

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## The Power of Praise

**Psalm 22:3 (KJV) – “But thou art holy, O thou that inhabits the praises of Israel.”**

World English Bible reads, “But you are holy, you who inhabit the praises of Israel.”

*“Did you know there is someone who really gets bent out of shape whenever you go to church? It truly torments the devil and every one of his ‘assistants’ when you worship God, in the public sanctuary or the private one. It throws a wrench into the detailed agenda of demonic works. In all the other things we do, there are countless windows of opportunity for the devil to steal in and do his thing. But when you worship God devotedly, Satan is out of his league. He is completely stripped of power, and that’s always been the one thing the devil can’t handle.” (David Jeremiah)*

Whenever and wherever God’s people praise Him, He reigns among them, He inhabits their praises, satan is stripped of his power and miraculous things happen on their behalf.

### 1) God delivered **Jonah** after he praised.

**Jonah 2:1, 9-10 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly... <sup>9</sup> But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.”  
<sup>10</sup> So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

### 2) God delivered **Paul and Silas** after they praised.

**Acts 16:25-26 (NKJV)** <sup>25</sup> But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.

### 3) God delivered **Jehoshaphat** after he praised. (2 Chronicles 20:1-30)

A. He Faced His Crisis. (vv.10-11)

B. He Admitted His Dependence. (v. 12)

“God, I have no power against this problem, and I don’t know what to do, but my eyes are on You.”

C. He Waited for The Answer (v.13)

D. He Trusted God's Promise (v.18-19)

E. He Praised God Before the Answer Came. (v.21)

F. God Showed Up in Deliverance and Power. (v.22)

G. He Praised God, Because the Answer Came. (v.26-28)

**BOTTOM LINE: When the Devil Attacks You, Praise God.** Some have said that Satan has an allergic reaction whenever there is true worship. That's an interesting way of visualizing it; perhaps when we break out in praise, the devil breaks out in hives. When God shows up, Satan gets out of town. Deliverance comes. Power comes.

*Amy Carmichael, a missionary who cared for children in South India, added, "I believe truly that Satan cannot endure praise and worship, so he slips out of the room, more or less, when there is a true song."*

*Mary Slosser, the prominent missionary in China, once said that when she found herself in the midst of demonic activity and worldly pressures, she would sing the Doxology and dismiss the devil.*

*Ignatius of Antioch, who lived only eighty years after Jesus' resurrection wrote: "Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God and show forth his praise, for when ye come frequently together in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed and his fiery darts urging to sin, fall back ineffectual. For your [unity] and harmonious faith prove his destruction, and the torment of his assistants."*

An old German hymn:

Does sadness fill my mind? A comfort here I find, May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say, May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear, May Jesus Christ be praised!

Are you suffering with depression, moods, and you feel defeated? TRY PRAISE.

Do you lack joy, or do you have a problem being positive? TRY PRAISE.

Are you going through a deep trial in your family or life? TRY PRAISE.

Would you like to have more power in your life? More power in witnessing, serving, teaching? TRY PRAISE.