

The Power of PRAISE

The whole world watched the scene at Camp Esperanza in Chile. As the first miner was rescued from a 2000 feet under the surface, people saw his 7 years old son throwing his arms around his dad. It was a moment of great celebration throughout the world. The Chilean president, Sebastian Pinera, praised God for the miracle of the rescue effort, and of course, he also praised all the people involved in planning, with great detail, the successful liberation. An hour later, the second miner, Mario Sepulveda, emerged from the capsule intact. He demonstrated, with great ability his happiness and cheered with the crowd. Even people as far away as Chiand cheered with the crowd. Even people as far away as China where more than 1500 miners die each year, celebrated the rescue with joy. The Xinhua news agency called the rescue "a miracle". The whole world is rejoicing along side the people of Chile. We are still pending beautiful stories out of what appeared to be a tragedy. Something beautiful happens when we embrace the power of praise especially, when we take time to praise God for the victorious outcomes we have in life. Praising God requires a heart full of gratitude and obedience.

You do not need to be trapped for 70 days deep inside a dark mine in order to realize how good life actually is. It takes a heart that appreciates God's grace and a heart that is willing to praise Him for His abundant love. The great patriarch, Abraham, went to the mountain to sacrifice his only son who was the great promise, "Isaac". As he started to climb the mountain, his servants asked him where they were going. His answer was "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there, we will worship and then we will come back to you" (Genesis 22:5). Somehow, some way, Abraham was certain in his heart that as long as he would obey God and praise him, everything was going to be all right. Praise God, it was! God provided the sacrifice and was pleased with Abraham's obedience. Incidentally, the first time the word worship appears in the Bible happened in this verse during a test of obedience.

God wants us to worship Him at all times. There are so many ways to worship God, the starting point is an open heart ready to do His will. Are you ready to worship Him today by accepting His plan of salvation? Are you willing to accept his desire to rescue you from the pit? All you have to do is accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, confess Him with your mouth and believe in your heart. Start a new powerful life full of worship and praise to the God Almighty.

***"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy disease
Psalm 103:1-3***

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