

Learning to Live the Lifestyle of Praise and Worship

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Isaiah 38:18-20 - "For Sheol does not thank You; death does not praise You; those who go down to the pit do not hope for Your faithfulness. The living, the living, he thanks You, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children Your faithfulness. The Lord will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the Lord."

I. All the Days of My Life - Cutting the covenant of the lifestyle of praise and worship

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Verse 18 -

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"For hades" [Rhm].

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"the grave" [KJV].

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"Sheol" [Jer].

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"Death" [NEB].

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"dead men" [Tay].

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"...cannot praise nor death celebrate Thee" [Rhm and KJV].

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"They cannot be filled with hope and joy" [Tay].

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Verse 19 -

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"the living, the living he can praise Thee" [Rhm].

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"The living, the living are the ones who praise You" [Jer].

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"The living, only the living, can praise You" [Tay].

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Verse 20 -

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"The Lord was ready to save me" [KJV].

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"Yahweh (was willing) to save me" [Rhm].

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"the Lord is at hand to save me" [NEB].

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"So let us sound the music of our praises all our life long in the house of the Lord" [NEB].

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Every day of my life from now on I will sing my songs of praise in the Temple, accompanied by the orchestra" [Tay].

II. Creating a Watercourse -- There is a River

Psalm 46:4-5 -- "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns."

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"There is a river whose tributaries bring joy to the divine city" [Har].

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Jubal - (Genesis 4:21) the first man who created instruments.

III. In This House of My Pilgrimage (Your precepts will be my songs)

Psalm 119:54 - "Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning."

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"Your statutes are the theme of my song in the place of my exile" [NEB]...

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"...wherever I make my home" [NEB].

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"Your rules have been melodies to me while I have been living in strange lands" [Bas].

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"Thy statutes are my songs as I wander through the world" [Mof].

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"For these laws of Yours have been my source of joy and singing through all these years of my earthly pilgrimage" [Tay].

IV. Seven Times a Day Do I Give You Praise

Psalm 119:164 - "Seven times a day I praise You for Your righteous rules."

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First thing in the morning - start the day with your favorite scripture song, singing until the spiritual river is flowing.

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Mid-Morning - take time out for a praise vacation.

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Lunch Time - spend ten minutes alone praising His name.

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Mid-Afternoon - this is a great time for a praise vacation.

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Dinner Time - sing thanks over the meal some night.

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Mid-Evening - turn off the TV and worship together as a family.

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Bedtime - kneeling, pacing, sitting, or lying down, sing your thanksgiving to the Lord before or while falling asleep.

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Did I say seven? There can be eight: Songs in the Night.

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Job 35:10 - "But none says, 'Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night?'"

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"No one thinks to ask, 'Where is God, my Maker, who makes glad songs ring out in the dead of night?'" [Jer].

V. Don't Go Down Into Silence

Psalm 115:17-18 - "The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence. But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord! "

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"...nor any who go down to the mansion of the dead" [Sept].

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"...the Eternal, nor any who sink into the silent land" [Mof].

VI. Praising Continually

Psalm 34:1 - "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Hebrews 13:15 - "Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name."