

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I want to think today about praise. How much praise do you really offer unto the Lord? Is your life a life of praise or do you find you tut? Near to where my husband and I live there is a road called King Tut. I thought, “Who would want to live where somebody is going to tut?” Now, I know it is named after a man that had lived, but, even so, I do not want to be known for tutting; I want to be known for praising! Somehow, when we praise God things happen.

In **Psalm 3**, we read -

2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah - think about that.

3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of my head. *The lifter up of my head.*

You see, a bird flies with two wings; one wing is praise and the other is petition. If you could see how you could bring all your prayer requests unto the Lord with praise, it would totally transform your life and the lives of those that you are reaching. When you enter into His presence with praise and adoration and recognize Who the Lord is, you are going to see a new happening in the results of those you have prayed for. You are going to find a joyous expectation. You are finding you are not just turning out the same prayers because it is the right thing to do.

I knew a pastor once who decided, with his church, that they would have a list of

what they felt were the ten most important things to pray for. Most of all, they were trying to get some part of the building completed and they thought that, in this way, everybody would get around to praying more to see the money come in to pay for this. So, they got together, and after much discussion, they came out with this long list. At the end of the list, somebody, feeling it was right and proper, said, “Well, we really should pray for revival.” They did not know what they were praying for, but they said they would pray for revival. They did not know how it would effect them if there was revival. Did God really have the right to move in their hearts, instead of being kept on the outside of their lives? So, they put the word *revival* at the bottom of their list. Then somebody said, “That really doesn’t look too good when strangers come to the church. It looks as if we are more interested in getting the money for the building than we are for God!” Really, that was the truth of the matter, but in order to make things look a little bit better, they put *revival* at the top of the list.

It just so happened that in visiting this church, the Lord had burdened my heart that we should pray for a real work of His Spirit in the midst and a genuine work of revival. As a result, the first thing we noticed in going into that church was that *revival* was at the top of the list and, of course, nobody dared say what they had done. So, we said, “We are so grateful that you have been praying and anticipating revival! We want to minister on revival, which is dealing with the self life which gets in the way of what God wants to do in and through us, that it might be only Christ.” As a result, when we finished the meetings, which were extended and extended, number one on the list, *revival*, was the first thing God did in the church! And, yes, somehow or other, the building did get paid for, but that was no longer the number one thing everybody was pushing for. The Lord was glorified and we give Him praise!

When we adore and worship the Lord, we realize that we really do have praise and thanksgiving. We thank Him for all things and there is a new authority that is released in our praying. We have, as it were, the legal right to act and see God work in a situation, because God is all powerful. He has the authority to forgive sins, according to **Matthew 9:2**; He has the authority to cast out demons, according to **Matthew 10:1**; and He has the authority to heal sickness as in **Mark 3:15**. His authority to command the wind and the waves is shown in **Matthew 8:26**, and to raise the dead as shown in **Matthew 9:25**. That is the God we are dealing with! Why wouldn't we worship and praise Him? Why wouldn't we thank Him for His authority, which literally moves the heavenlies when we pray? Do you know when you pray with belief and praise and adoration, as you are thanking God for what He is going to do, at that moment, the very heavenlies move? The enemy has to move out; the Lord moves in. It is like a great constant scene that is being changed in the heavenlies in the forces of darkness and the forces of light. The Lord counts upon you to enter into that kind of praying. Would you be willing to do that? Would you begin to see that your prayer list is not really what prayer is all about? Your prayer list begins with adoration of seeing to Whom you pray and letting Him do a new thing as you pray and make yourself available for His Spirit to pray through you, as you mention, by name, those lives you believe He is wanting to bring forth reconciliation and healing and victory.

I know you are going to start a new thing as you send for that little book, *Food for Faith*. I thank God it is going to help you understand this prayer method day by day for the victory that Jesus would have accomplished through you.

For His glory. Amen.