

# The Importance of Taking the Next Step in God's Perfect Will for Your Life:

## 1. Being Filled With the Holy Spirit and Praying in Tongues

Dear Friend and Partner,

Once a person receives Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they enter into the first phase of the perfect will of God for their life. 2 Peter 3:9 tells us, The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. It then becomes each individual's responsibility to develop their personal prayer life so that they get to personally know the Father God and His perfect will for their life. (Romans 12:1-2: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God ).

If you're saved, and you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit, you need to ask God to fill you. As a believer, you have no scriptural reason not to be speaking in tongues. On the contrary, you've been admonished and given the command by the Lord to receive the Holy Spirit, as we read in the following scriptures:

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; Mark 16:17

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Luke 24:49

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of

the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. Acts 10:44-48

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. Acts 19:1-6

God wants each one of His children to walk in, and fulfill the perfect will of God for their life. It will be one of the most difficult challenges that a believer will have, but it is our responsibility to see to it that we grow and develop spiritually and stay filled with the Holy Spirit. To do this, we need to continually and daily seek the Lord in prayer to get direction for our lives and to be spiritually refreshed. It is then that we will know God's voice and what He wants us to do. Hearing from the Lord and acting on what He tells us and leads us to do will help us to stay steady in the midst of tests, trials and persecution. We will be living in peace, and not confusion, strife or turmoil. Acting on what God tells us to do produces peace in our heart and a knowing in our spirit man that we're doing what God wants us to do.

There have been many times in my life that I felt like quitting and giving up because the battle seemed to be so severe that I felt I couldn't take it any longer. The pressure was on to give up and quit believing God. In those difficult times, what seemed to help me most to keep going was spending more time praying in tongues.

When I'd spend more time praying in tongues, I would begin to get a witness in my heart not to give up, but to keep on standing. Before we do anything, especially before we make any changes or major decisions, we should first of all get it settled in our heart that 'this is what God wants me to do.' When we make mistakes and miss God's direction, it usually happens because we listen to others, and were persuaded by their influence. We knew inside our heart that it was not the direction to pursue, but because we wanted to please others and make them happy, or because we lacked the courage to say "no", we succumbed to their will, and not to the will of God.

All the believers in the New Testament that we have any scriptural information on were people who were baptized in the Holy Spirit. We have no scriptural reference in the New Testament of any believer that was mightily used of God which indicates that they weren't baptized in the Holy Spirit, or didn't speak

in tongues.

For example, we read about Stephen's life in Acts 6:4 & 8 ...and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, ... And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

The in-filling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is what God gave the church to help keep them built up spiritually. It's no wonder the apostle Paul said, 'I thank my God I pray in tongues more than you all.' Through all the problems and persecutions he endured as a man of God, it was his trust in God and his prayer life that kept him built up spiritually. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:2,4: For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries... He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself...

Believers who have not been baptized in the Holy Spirit have no idea what they're missing out on, just as sinners don't know what they're missing by not receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior. You can pray for sinners and witness to them forever and they will give you all kinds of reasons why they're not saved, or why they 'don't believe that way', but all you can do is intercede and believe that someday their eyes will be opened up. As long as they don't want to be saved, they won't be saved.

Likewise, the believer who has some kind of reason why they don't want to be filled and speak in tongues won't receive them. It is not actually receiving the Holy Spirit that they are having the problem with; it's the tongues they're afraid of. They have been misguided and mis-taught and have heard everything from 'tongues have passed away' to 'speaking in tongues is from the devil'. But, say what they may say, think what they may think, and believe what they may believe, they're living their Christian life powerlessly, and in God's permissive will.

One of the first steps in obeying God after you've received Christ is taking the next step and receiving the in-filling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. You then enter into another phase of walking in the perfect will of God. Our prayer life is drastically limited when we don't pray in tongues.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Jude 20

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:26-28

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it

then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. 1 Corinthians 14:14,15 & 21

Key steps for believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit:

**1) THEY HAVE TO BE HUNGRY FOR MORE OF GOD AND GENUINELY ASK THE LORD TO BE FILLED**

**WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT BY FAITH**

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled; **Matthew 5:6**

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? **Luke 11:13**

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **James 1:6**

**2) THEY HAVE TO RECEIVE THE IN-FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & YIELD THEMSELVES OVER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: **John 20:22**

**3) THEY HAVE TO GIVE UTTERANCE TO THAT PROMPTING AND SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES**

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **Acts 2:4**

Your mind, carnal nature and flesh do not want to sacrifice what they're doing to obey the Lord. But, if we want to please the Lord, we'll have to obey Him. It's very important that you, as a believer, spend quality time daily, praying in other tongues.

Following, I want to share with you

10 Biblical Benefits of Praying in Tongues:

**1. YOU'RE PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT**

Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

**1 Corinthians 14:13,14**

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,  
and watching thereunto with all perseverance  
and supplication for all saints; **Ephesians 6:18**

## ***2. YOU'RE BUILDING UP YOUR FAITH***

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, **Jude 20**

## ***3. YOU'RE GIVING THANKS TO GOD***

Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

**1 Corinthians 14:16**

## ***4. YOU'RE NOT PRAYING SELFISHLY***

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. **Romans 8:27**

## ***5. YOU'RE PRAYING FOR THE UNKNOWN***

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **Romans 8:26**

## ***6. YOU'RE BUILDING UP AND EDIFYING YOURSELF SPIRITUALLY***

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself...

**1 Corinthians 14:4**

## ***7. YOU'RE PRAYING THE WILL OF GOD***

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. **Romans 8:27**

## ***8. YOU'RE BEING SPIRITUALLY REFRESHED***

For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. **Isaiah 28:11,12**

## ***9. YOU'RE PRAYING MYSTERIES/DIVINE SECRETS***

For he that speaketh in an **unknown** tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man

understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 1 Corinthians 14:2

## **10. YOU'RE MAGNIFYING GOD**

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

Acts 10:46

### The Word of God Says...

For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing...

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For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church...

Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Else, when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

#### **1 Corinthians 14:2-4; 13-16**

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; **Ephesians 6:18**

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Enclosed in this newsletter is a prayer that I put together as a guideline to help you to receive the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. The only scriptural prerequisite for being filled with the Holy Spirit is that you must be born-again. Once you've received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you become a new creature in Christ Jesus, for 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

You can receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in its fullness as they did on the day of Pentecost in Acts, chapter 2, and then later in Acts, chapters 10 & 19. If you are at the place in your life as a believer that you want to receive more of what God has for you and what He intends for you to walk in, take the next step after salvation and receive the Power from on high.

Receiving Jesus as your Lord and Savior causes you to become a child of God, and when you die, you get to go and be with Jesus. When you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you receive power to be a witness in this life, and you now have the spiritual capability to pray in the spirit, sing in the spirit, worship in the spirit, build yourself up spiritually and pray for the unknown as you yield to the Holy Spirit. All of this, as well as much more is available to those who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Once you purpose in your heart that you want to be filled, privately, and in a reverential way, ask the Lord to fill you. You can receive the Holy Spirit just by yourself, alone with the Lord. But you don't have to be alone to receive the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. You can be with other believers who have been filled, and they can lay hands on you to receive the Holy Spirit.

Being baptized in water is a testimony to the world that you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. But when Jesus baptizes you with the Holy Spirit and you begin to speak in other tongues, your Christian life will take on much more meaning and purpose. Praying in the spirit will help you overcome areas of the flesh that you may be having difficulty in, as well as assist you in your spiritual growth from a baby Christian to where you become strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. There is praying in your known language, and thank God, there is praying in an unknown language!

Once you receive the in-filling of the Holy Spirit and you develop your prayer life, you , too, will be able to testify, 'I thank my God I speak in tongues!'

## A Prayer for you to receive the in-filling

### of the Holy Spirit:

### Witnessing Scriptures

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans. Acts 8:25

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. Acts 16:30-32

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: Acts 26:19-22

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matthew 24:14

## Salvation Scriptures

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? Mark 10:17

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:3-7

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Romans 3:23-26

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:9-13

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 10:32

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:15-18

...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:40

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. John 6:47

...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:21

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8,9

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... 1 Timothy 1:15

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 1 Timothy 2:3-5

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:13,14

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make

intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John 4:14

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Revelation 3:5

## Prayer To Receive Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

God, I come before You today on my knees as humbly as I know how, to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

I believe in my heart and I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He took all my sins when He went to the cross and He has been raised from the dead, and is alive forevermore!

I receive Jesus today as my Lord and Savior, for You said, whosoever shall call upon the Name of Lord shall be saved. You also said that whosoever comes to You, You will in no wise cast out. So, I have confidence that You will receive me now.

God, I don't want anything to keep me from going to heaven, so I thank You that You always direct my paths in this life.

You said in 1 John 1:9, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I thank You, Lord, for forgiving me of all my sins, known and unknown.

According to 2 Corinthians 5:17 & 21, I am now a new creature in Christ Jesus; old things have passed away and all things have become new! I have been made the righteousness of God in Christ.

Thank You, Father God, for saving me, for forgiving me of all my sins and cleansing me with the blood of Jesus. Now You are my heavenly Father, and Jesus is my Lord and Savior! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## A PRAYER FOR THE SALVATION OF LOVED ONES

God, I come to You today in the Name of Jesus, claiming the Salvation of \_\_\_\_\_. I claim by faith that they are saved, delivered, set free and baptized in the Holy Spirit. In the Name of Jesus, I break Satan's power over their lives. He will not keep them from coming into the family of God.

Lord, You said in Your Word, ...Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 18:18). Satan, I bind you from their lives. You'll not keep them from receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!

Jesus gave me ...power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy... You'll not keep the light of the glorious gospel of Christ from shining unto them (Luke 10:19; 2 Corinthians 4:4).

Lord, I ask You to remove from their lives any people or influences that are not supposed to be there, and that distract my loved ones from salvation.

Father God, Your Word says, ...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:31).

It is written that You ...will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

It is written that You are ...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Father, You opened Lydia's heart in Acts 16:14. I believe You will do the same for my loved ones. I ask You to send Holy Spirit-led believers across their paths.<sup>1</sup> I pray that their eyes will be opened to the Truth as they hear Your Word!

I cease not to give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_, making mention of them in my prayers; that You, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You: the eyes of their understanding being enlightened; that they may know what is the hope of Your calling and what are the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of Your power to them who believe according to the working of Your mighty power!<sup>2</sup>

Thank You, Father, for creating the right circumstances for the Word to be planted in their hearts. Laborers are being sent forth to minister unto them and Holy Ghost conviction is drawing them to You.

I refuse to fear; I have claimed \_\_\_\_\_ for the Kingdom of God in Jesus' Name. I am standing in faith and love for them. I am not moved by what I see or feel; I am only moved by what the Word of God says. Circumstances are subject to CHANGE!<sup>3</sup> I have God's Word and it cannot fail. The devil is a liar. He cannot prevent the Word of God from reaching \_\_\_\_\_.

Father, Your Word will not return to You void, but it will accomplish that which pleases You.<sup>4</sup> I believe You have heard my prayer and have granted my request.<sup>5</sup> I am rejoicing with confidence, knowing that You are at work in their lives to will and to do Your good pleasure.<sup>6</sup> Thank You, Father,

that \_\_\_\_\_ are saved according to Acts 16:31. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

<sup>1</sup> Luke 10:2 <sup>2</sup> Ephesians 1: 16-19 <sup>3</sup> 2 Cor. 4:18

<sup>4</sup> Isaiah 55:11 <sup>5</sup> 1 John 5:14,15 <sup>6</sup> Phil. 2:13

## Tell Somebody About Jesus!!

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### PRAISE THE LORD!

The scriptures teach the importance of us, as believers, praising and thanking the Lord. We do it to express our reverence toward God, because He is Holy and eternal, and He is the Almighty God. There is none above Him or like Him (Psalm 22:3, Psalm 22:23, Psalm 33:21 & Psalm 48:1).

We praise God because He's good and merciful (Psalm 106:1). We praise the Lord continually and willingly, as a sacrifice unto Him (Hebrews 13:15, Psalm 34:1 & Psalm 54:6).

When we praise God, we show Him that we believe He's heard and answered our prayers (Philippians 4:6, John 6:11 & John 11:41).

Praising God strengthens our faith in Him and His Word (Romans 4:20).

We don't praise the Lord halfheartedly; God wants to hear us praise Him from our heart, and with our whole heart (Psalm 9:1, Psalm 86:12 & Psalm 111:1).

We praise God with our mouths (Psalm 50:23, Psalm 51:15, Psalm 35:27, 28 & Psalm 19:1-3).

We praise the Lord from the time we first get up, until we lie down at night (Psalm 113:1-3).

Who should praise the Lord? From Kings to children (Ps.148:11-14). Everything that has breath should praise the Lord (Ps.150:6).

When we praise God, we show Him that we believe and trust Him and His Word above our present physical circumstances and situations. When in the natural, there was no one to help Jonah out of his dilemma, he called out to God in prayer and began to thank God that he was delivered. God miraculously delivered Jonah (Jonah 2: 1, 9, & 10).

God had mercy upon Jonah and delivered him out of his troubles, even though he had disobeyed the Lord. On the other hand, Paul and Silas had obeyed God, and were severely persecuted for their

service unto the Lord. The Bible says in Acts 16: 25 & 26 that their miracle came as they were praising God.

In another instance, a woman who did not have a covenant with God got her demon possessed daughter delivered through her persevering faith and her worship unto the Lord (Matt. 15: 21-28).

After a man with leprosy was healed for obeying the voice of the Lord, he worshiped and thanked the Lord, and he was made whole (Luke 17: 11-19).

Through David's sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord, God delivered him out of trouble on numerous occasions (Psalm 18:3 & 2 Samuel 22:4, 18).

The benefits that we receive from praising God are innumerable (Ps. 68:19, Ps. 103:2-5, Ps. 107:20-22 & Ps. 112:1-3).

#### Scriptural Praises to the Lord :

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. Hebrews 13:15 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Phil. 4:4

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his

marvellous light: 1 Peter 2:9

I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. Psalm 9:1

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. Psalm 18:3

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Psalm 33:1

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Psalm 48:1

I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good. Psalm 54:6

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100

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 diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Psalm 103:1-5; 20,21

Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 106:1

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. Psalm 107:21,22

Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. Psalm 111:10 praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 117:1-2

Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments. Psalm 119:164

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever: The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever: And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever. Ps. 136:1-9; 23-26

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 150:6

### Faith 's Praise Confession:

God, I praise Your Holy Name. Holy and worthy is Your Name! I give glory to Your Name, oh Lord, my God! Holy, worthy, and mighty are You, God! You reign over the heavens, the earth, and over all creation. You are my God, and Jesus is my Lord and Savior.

God, I bow down before You and lift my hands unto You, and I praise and worship You today for who You are: the Almighty God! There is none like You in heaven or on earth. There 's none above You. You made the heavens and the earth, the sun, the moon, and the stars. You created the angels and mankind. You 're all knowing and all-powerful! There 's nothing in my life that You cannot take care of or get me through successfully.

God, You said, "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation" Psalm 91:14-16; "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:19; "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" Colossians 1:13 ; "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" Galatians 3:13; "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Philippians 4:13; "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith" Mark 11:23, and in 3 John 2, You said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth".

So I thank You, Father God, that according to Your Word, I 'm delivered, I 'm prosperous, and I 'm healthy. You supply all of my needs abundantly. You 've redeemed me from the curse of the law and I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me. By faith, I believe You have heard and answered all of my prayers.

I thank You that You never fail me or forsake me and that You never leave me.<sup>1</sup> You 've forgiven me of all my sins, and cleansed me of all unrighteousness<sup>2</sup> and the angels of God encamp round about my loved ones and me.<sup>3</sup> Daily, Your blessings overtake me.<sup>4</sup> You provide me with divine protection<sup>5</sup> and You never want me to be afraid or to worry.<sup>6</sup> God, I believe in Jesus ' Name, that You 're perfecting everything that concerns my family and me,<sup>7</sup> and I know that no one can take care of us like You can.

You provide me with divine health and healing, for You are my Great Physician.<sup>8</sup> You provide me with

divine prosperity,<sup>9</sup> for the Lord is my shepherd; I do not want.<sup>10</sup> You provide me with divine wisdom and help me in all of the affairs of my life.<sup>11</sup> You protect me from all evil and harm, and You keep me from falling.<sup>5&12</sup> You lead me by Your Spirit. You enlighten me and encourage me through Your Word<sup>13</sup> and reveal Your perfect will to me.<sup>14</sup> You sustain me daily<sup>15</sup> and abundantly supply all of my needs and desires,<sup>16</sup> for You said in Ephesians 3:20 : "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us".

I thank You, Father God, for protecting me today and for leading me by Your Holy Spirit. I thank You for giving me wisdom in every situation, favor with every person, strength for every task, and discernment to know right from wrong. I thank You that the Holy Spirit gives me revelation knowledge from Your Word.

Anoint me to be a witness and help me to flow in the Holy Ghost and have the gifts of the Holy Spirit operate through me. Make me a blessing to whomever I come in contact with today. I thank You, Father God, that You're good and Your mercy endureth forever, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES :

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