

# The Refuge Of Worship In Trouble

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## Worship is Our First Priority and First Response to Trouble

Job 1:20-21 ESV

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Psalms 27:3-6 NASB20

3 If an army encamps against me, my heart will not fear; if war arises against me, in spite of this I am confident.

4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.

5 For on the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; He will hide me in the secret place of His tent; He will lift me up on a rock.

- *His presence is to be trusted instead of the arm of the flesh or the wisdom of men.*
- *There is no security in human resources or solutions; trust in God is the only security.*

6 And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, And I will offer sacrifices in His tent with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

- *As you exalt your God on your praise, you will be lifted up above your enemies and their devices.*
- *The adversity may kill you, but the wrong response (fear, anger, resentment, bitterness, depression) will destroy your soul for eternity.*

## Worship is Our Refuge in Trouble

Psalms 22:1-5 ESV To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

4 In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

- *Even in the darkest of turmoil, the child of God knows where to find God; He is enthroned on praise.*

Psalms 57:1-11 NASB20 A Mikhtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

1 Be gracious to me, God, be gracious to me, For my soul takes refuge in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge until destruction passes by.

2 I will cry to God Most High, to God who accomplishes all things for me.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; He rebukes the one who tramples upon me. Selah. God will send His favor and His truth.

4 My soul is among lions; I must lie among those who devour, among sons of mankind whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue is a sharp sword.

5 Be exalted above the heavens, God; may Your glory be above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; they dug a pit before me; they themselves have fallen into the midst of it. Selah

7 My heart is steadfast, God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!

- *Is your heart steadfast in praises, no matter what trouble comes?*

8 Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

9 I will praise You, Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.

10 For Your goodness is great to the heavens and Your truth to the clouds.

11 Be exalted above the heavens, God; May Your glory be above all the earth.

- *Worship takes you deep into the refuge of His presence.*

## God's Power is Found in Worship

Jeremiah 17:14 ESV

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 ESV

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Deuteronomy 10:21 ESV

21 He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

## God's Peace Found in Praise

Philippians 4:4-7 ESV

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- *Praise and worship brings us into God's presence.*
- *Praise and worship puts our focus on God and His goodness, off of ourselves and the circumstances.*

## **Always Put God's Worship and Praise First, in Front of Every Day and Every Hour**

2 Chronicles 20:21-23 ESV

*[When the Moabites and Ammonites came against Jehoshaphat and Judah.]*

21 And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, "Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever."

22 And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.

23 For the men of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, devoting them to destruction, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another.