

Good Morning Holy Spirit

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GIVE GOD Thanks & Praise



Thanksgiving and praise ... positive words that bring to mind appreciation and gratitude. In fact, "thanksgiving" simply means "an expression of gratitude, especially to God," and "praise" means "the expression of respect and gratitude as an act of worship." Thus, both thanksgiving and praise relate to one's attitude towards God and not on any circumstance.

The value of thanks and praise. The bible emphasizes the value of giving thanks and praise to God. Consider: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High" (Psalm 92:1); "Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God, for He is gracious and lovely; praise is becoming and appropriate" (Psalm 147:1 AMP.); "But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" (Psalm 22:3); "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

The preceding scriptures clearly reveal that it is really good, beneficial and necessary to give thanks and praise to God. But why is it so important? After all, God is the supreme One Who is worshipped by myriads and myriads of angels. A close examination of scripture reveals that man, and not God, is the primary recipient of blessings which follow thanksgiving and praise offered during difficult and adverse situations.

A comparison of Psalm 8:2 and Jesus' reference in Matthew 21:16 gives brilliant insight into what takes place as a result of praise. Psalm 8:2 says, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou **ordained strength** because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." However, in Matthew 21:16, Jesus, quoting Psalm 8:2, said, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast **perfected praise**." So, a combination of Psalm 8:2 and Matthew 21:16 reveals that praise is a weapon God uses to silence and render the enemy powerless. Therefore, when we give thanks and praise to God, especially in the midst of trials and tribulations, He comes, sits enthroned upon our praise (Psalm 22:3) and uses that praise to put the enemy to shame and glorify His name.

Consider the following: Before they went to war, the children of Israel under King Jehoshaphat, began to sing and praise the Lord "for His mercy endureth forever" and God caused their enemies to self-destruct (2 Chronicles 20:20-24). From the belly of the fish Jonah sacrificed unto the Lord with the voice of thanksgiving, the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land (Jonah 2:9-10). Paul and Silas were freed from prison when at midnight, as they prayed and sang praises unto God, there was a great earthquake, "the foundations of the prison were shaken ... and everyone's bands were loosed" (Acts 16:25-26). Obviously, thanksgiving and praise is liberating.

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You came . . .

You praised . . .

You prayed . . .

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in the name of Jesus!

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Who, then, should give thanks and praise? Psalm 115:17 says, "The dead praise not the LORD;" Psalm 150:6 says, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD;" and Isaiah 38:19 says, "The living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day." So the answer is: Every living thing; in fact, all of creation should give thanks and praise. Thanksgiving and praise is one of the greatest indicators of "where you are" with God. An African pastor emphatically stated, "In the kingdom of God, until you say thank You nothing gets done. Thanksgiving is the spiritual yeast that brings multiplication wherever it is found. When you praise God and shout with a loud voice, you provoke Him to enforce what is written, contrary to what is happening in your life."

Brethren, I implore you, in 2014 make a deliberate effort to give God thanks and praise. Give Him thanks for the answer before receiving the answer, especially in hopeless situations. Give God thanks and praise even when it seems inconvenient.



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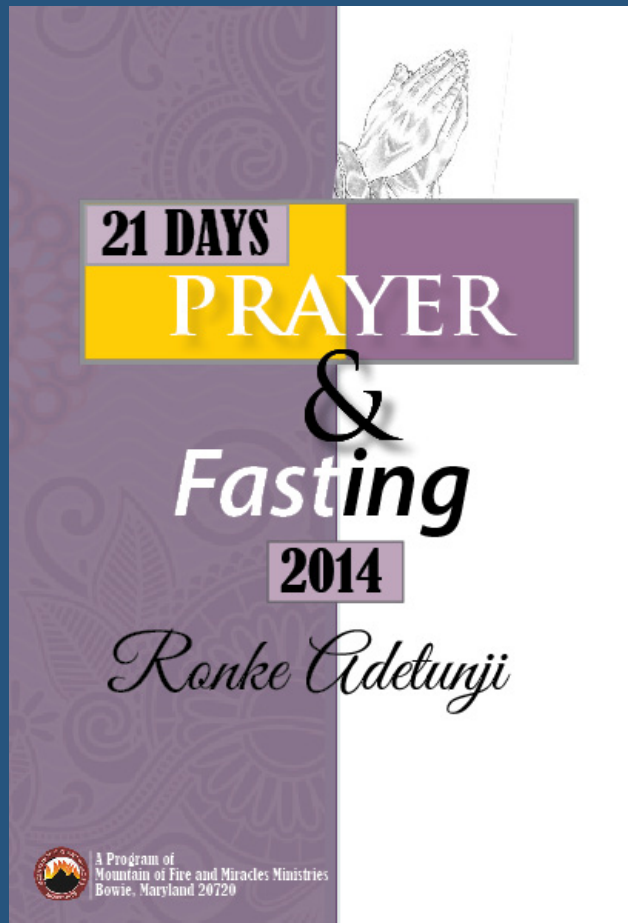
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2. I decree that I will not be gripped by prayerlessness in 2014, in the name of Jesus.
3. By the power in the blood of Jesus, all my decisions in 2014 will be word-based and Christ-centered, in the name of Jesus.
4. By the power in the name of Jesus, my family and I will not be found wanting in 2014, in the name of Jesus

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