

Welcoming Jesus with Prayer, Praise and Worship

When we come to worship or a prayer gathering or even to prayer class are we prepared to meet Him?

Prayer- In prayer we surrender. We surrender our hearts and plans to Jesus and prepare ourselves to receive. God inhabits the prayers of his people.

We remember that we have studied all kinds of prayer. All are important and bring us closer to Jesus and His power and His purpose for our lives or the lives of others. We can even list a few;

Intercessory, Contemplative, Healing, Listening, Meditation, and of course Spiritual warfare prayers and others.

Remember the Lord's word to Solomon when he had finished the temple:

2 Chronicles 7:14-16 "if my people who are called by my name , will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there."

Praise-When we talk about Praise ,we think about it as being vocal. Scripture reminds us:

1 Chronicles 16:8-9"Give thanks to the Lord, Call on his name Make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts."

Psalm 59 : 16-17 “ I will sing about your strength, sing about your love.

***Psalm 68:25 “In front are the singers, after them are the maidens playing tambourins. And vs. 32 “ Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth and sing praise to the Lord.**

Psalm 95:1-7 “Come let’s sing for Joy . Let us shout our praise to the Rock.”

Psalm 100:(All)

We find that most of the psalms remind us of singing and praising with our voices or our instruments.

Worship-And now we will talk about WORSHIP.

Worship is referred to as a attitude of the body, bowing down in Spirit and truth. Dancing before the Lord is mentioned as act of holy worship.

Romans 12:1 “Offer your Bodies as a living sacrifice”

Isaiah 6(all) Bowing low in spirit and truth is a holy privilege.

Psalm 66:4 “All the earth worships you and sing praises to you”

Hebrews 10:19-25(we are invited to the throne of grace.)

Psalm 150 -all.

Now let us remember God's power that accompanies Prayer, Praise and Worship.

2 Chronicles-20

The Moabites and the Ammonites were coming against Jehoshaphat and he was outnumbered.

He was alarmed and he prayed to the Lord and proclaimed a fast. He inquired of the Lord for help and the Lord responded, "Do not be afraid or discouraged for the battle is not yours, but Gods. He appointed men to sing and praise the Lord. Saying, " Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever". JEHOAPHAT BOWED LOW with his face to the ground and the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord.

They began to sing and praised the Lord...The Lord set ambushes against the Ammonites and Moabites and rose up against the men from Mt Seir. When the men of Juda came to the place that overlooked the desert the battle had been won with praise and worship they did not have to lift their swords. They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the Lord with harps and lutes and trumpets.

They then carried off the plunder.

Jehoshaphat asked for God's help and God Fought the battle for them. The fear of the God came over the kingdoms and there was peace.

There is power in prayer, praise and worship.

God hears our prayers and He responds according to His will!

**Now here is the question I ask you to ponder today.
When we come to worship or a prayer gathering or even to
prayer class are we prepared to meet Him?**

**We have been learning and studying the many areas of
prayer and prayer ministry and are we ready to put some of
this into action?**

**There are many kinds of battles going on all around us and
we have the opportunity to join together to pray for others
who are in need.**

In the next next few month I will ask you again.