

# PRAISE WILL CONFUSE THE ENEMY

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When you're going through a difficulty and you praise God you will confuse your enemy. Your enemy will expect you to complain, to get mad or discouraged – so when you praise God in the middle of a difficult time you will confuse your enemy!

There's a scripture that tells us what kind of praise to offer up and also when to offer it up –

† Hebrews 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name

## Two Important Points From This Passage

1 – we are to \_\_\_\_\_ praise God.

2 – we are to offer the \_\_\_\_\_ of praise

This is what the word sacrifice means – an act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy

We sacrifice for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ – that is if we consider Him worthy and important

In the days when Jehoshaphat was the king in Judah the people were living in peace, there was prosperity in the land, Jehoshaphat was a king who honored God and he taught the people do the same. There was a time when he was placing judges in the land to lead the people and he told them to honor the Lord in all they did.

† 2Chronicles 19:5 He appointed judges in the land... 6 He told them, "Consider carefully what you do, because you are not judging for man but for the LORD, who is with you whenever you give a verdict. 7 Now let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Judge carefully, for with the LORD our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery."

One day enemies gathered against Judah – notice that it says

\_\_\_\_\_ – after what? After the king made sure the people honored the Lord – the devil was now stirred up against Judah.

2Chronicles 20:1 It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon ... came to battle against Jehoshaphat.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD,

14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel

15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you

Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

Then he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

"PRAISE THE LORD, FOR HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER."

2Chronicles 20:22 (CEV) As soon as they began singing, the LORD confused the enemy camp, ... Then they turned against each other and fought until the entire camp was wiped out!

We need to believe Him and His Word. When we do we will be established and prosper. Like David said in Psalm 23 we will be so prosperous that our cup will overflow. Malachi said that God would pour out such a blessing that we wouldn't have room enough to contain it!

GOD WANTS TO GIVE US THINGS SO WE CAN GIVE THEM AWAY!