

 As we are renewed in the Holy Spirit, we experience the **Power of Praise**

- Praise is the gateway into God's presence

Psalm 100

"I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise"

- We are called to praise the Lord at all times

Ps 34:1

"I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Sometimes it is very difficult to "Praise the Lord". Even spiritual giants have days when they can't find a thing to praise God for! Yet the Bible commands them – and us – to praise God every day, no matter how we feel, no matter what our circumstances.

But more than just a command, praise is an invitation from God to enter into His presence and to experience His power in our lives. At the dedication of Solomon's temple:

2 Chr 5:13-14

"They raised their voices in praise to the LORD...Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud,...for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God"

Psalm 22:3 tells us that God "inhabits" or is "enthroned upon" the praises of His people. When we praise God, His presence is upon us and when His presence is upon us, His glory and His power will be with us.

From the Old Testament to the New Testament to the present day, the experience of God's people has always been this:

 As we praise God, His presence is with us and His power is unleashed into our situation.

When we praise God in the midst of our circumstances, we are expressing our complete trust in Him. He is free to work in our situation, and He always brings victory. It may be a victory that changes the circumstances, or a victory in the circumstances. For example, death may be turned away, or made to lose its sting. Whatever it is, when we praise God we will be able to experience the ultimate triumph in Him.

2 Cor 2:14

"...thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ ..."

Do you need to experience the **Power of God** in your life?

Then...You need to encounter the **Presence of God** in your life.

So.... You need to exercise the **Praise of God** in your life