

# The Power of Praise

## God's Ways Are Higher, Part 1

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*Jesus answered, "Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and do not doubt in your heart but believe that what you say will happen, it will be done for you. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."*

Mark 11:23-24

*Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me...*

Psalms 50:14-15

*Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me.*

Psalms 50:23

Leviticus 3:1-5, 7:12-15

*Through Jesus, then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.*

Hebrews 13:15(NAS)

*If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God...*

1 Peter 4:16

### REASONS FOR CONTINUAL PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ is watching

*The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and*

*Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.*

Acts 16:22-26

*Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ is watching

*Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...*

1 Peter 5:8-9

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ is watching

*For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*

2 Chronicles 16:9

*"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.*

Acts 16:26-27

*\*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*