

The Weapons of Our Warfare Part 5

PRAISE – THE SOUND OF BREAKTHROUGH

PRAISE is a _____ with power to _____ the enemy (Psalm 8:1-2, 149:6).

- * We don't just start our services with praise songs because that's the _____, but because praise has been ordained as a _____.

1. Praise changes the _____: Brings light into darkness

- * When people start to _____, they take their eyes _____ themselves & place them _____ God, they open a door to the _____ & _____ of God & the atmosphere changes.

4 Quick Theological Facts

- i) The Devil _____ the _____ of praise ... which is why he'll do _____ to _____ you praising.
- ii) Praise is a _____ (Heb 13:15) ... We don't praise because we _____ like it, but because it's a powerful spiritual _____.
- iii) Praise is the key to the _____ of God & _____ of the devil, both in your life & your church (Psalm 8:2, 100:4, 22:3) ... the devil's _____ simply cannot stomach praise, but when you praise God you _____ the _____ wide to the Lord's influence.
- iv) We are designed to _____ in a praise _____ (Psalm 34:1, 113:3, 1 Thess 5:18) ... What _____ your _____ will eventually _____ the _____.

2. Praise changes the _____: Opens our eyes to the One who is so much greater

- * The enemy's agenda is clear, _____ at your psyche, mostly through ' _____,' sowing seeds of _____ & playing on _____ (John 10:10, Prov 4:23).
- * When your heart becomes _____, you go to _____ for a _____: to remind yourself that _____ (1 John 4:4, 1 Cor 15:57, Matt 28:18, 2 Cor 1:20, 12:9, Rom 8:38-39).

3. Praise changes _____: Gets the two-edged sword a-swinging

- * e.g. Acts 16:16-34, 2 Chron 20:21-22
- * If the _____ is your _____, _____ is the way you _____ it.

The CORPORATE SETTING

When you _____ in praise _____, everything is _____.

Our services are supposed to be a _____

- * Starts with _____ (our invitation to God)
- * then _____ (His invitation to us)
- * followed by the _____ (hearts ripe & ready)
- * leading into _____ (as we act on God's Word & allow the Holy Spirit to minister to our hearts).

TAKEAWAY

If you want victory in your life, don't wait for the atmosphere to change; change it.

Don't wait for your heart to feel right; realign it.

Don't wait for the battle to end; let praise go first & pre-empt the result.