



Eagle Vision Partner Letter

Praise

It's What I Choose to Do!

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Dear Partner,

I pray that his letter finds you operating in the attitude of gratitude.

It seemed good to the Holy Spirit to deal with the subject of praise this month. The word praise means to boast, celebrate, to rave. Praise is a means of expression of our love for something or someone. David expressed his love for God in **II Samuel 6:14-16** ¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. ¹⁶ And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. As you praise the Lord, the devil despises it because he knows that you are setting yourself up for major breakthrough! In this story, we see David the king expressing his gratitude towards God. David understood that only God could have elevated his life from the fields as a Shepard boy to the kings palace. David was not qualified by natural standards, but he knew how to reach the heart of God with his praise.

Many of us may not seem qualified by natural standards, but I thank God that the promises of God are not based on your resume, but they are based on the blood of Jesus. Jesus died so that we could experience the good life. It says in **John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. God desires for His people to experience the best and we get there by our praise.

In Psalm 67:3-7 the Word of God says ³ Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. ⁴ O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. ⁵ Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. ⁶ Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. ⁷ God shall bless us; and all the

ends of the earth shall fear him. When God's people move away from complaining to praising, we will began to walk in God's best like never before.

Remember that the Israelites only had an eleven day journey, but because of their complaining it turned into 40 years of "going through". If we praise we'll see better days, but if we complain, we will remain the same! It's also interesting that the Bible says to "let" the people praise thee. That means to praise or celebrate God is a voluntary act. The Word says that if you are "willing" and "obedient" THEN you shall eat the good of the land. It is your choice. I choose to praise the Lord, what about you? After all, we were created to praise according to 1 Peter 2:9, Psalm 102:18 and Isaiah 43:21. **1 Peter 2**⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; **Psalm 102**¹⁸ This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. **Isaiah 43**²¹ This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. We are that generation and I am committed to praise my way to victory every time. Just begin to lift your hands right now and praise God! You will experience a life-changing breakthrough. God lives on Praise Avenue, Heaven. The zip code is love. The blood provides a free ride there.

God bless you and keep on praising His Name!

Committed to Praise,

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