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Unleash the Possibilities of Praise!

[Psalm 22:27](#)

“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindred of the nations shall worship before thee.”

Wow! What a complex psalm! Psalm 22 is a stirring, emotional read! King David, the ruddy shepherd boy-turned-poet/songwriter/musician/giant slayer, is credited for this literary masterpiece. David (did I forget to mention he was also a prophet?) demonstrated his God-given prophetic gift in the first several verses of Psalm 22.

Most can only imagine the depth of utter hopelessness from which David penned the words, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” Indeed, Jesus, who became sin for our redemption at His crucifixion, quoted David’s words from the cross.

Utter despair.

Utter abandonment.

Utter desertion.

Utterly alone, separated from God.

The tenor of the psalm turns drastically, however, when David changed his profound sorrow to glorious praise. David was a worshipper, and, on one occasion, he danced before the Lord in praise with all his might. He even changed the relationship with his wife because of praise, but doesn’t everything change with praise? Shouldn’t it?

Praise unifies the body of Christ like nothing else can. Praise turns the focus from us to HIM. It changes our perspective. Heartfelt praise is exciting, electrifying!

Praise is powerful, transformative.

Praise is powerful, a violent weapon in the kingdom of God.

Praise is powerful, lifting us up to the presence of God.

Praise is powerful, holy, and peaceful; for He alone is worthy, powerful and is himself, peace.

Praise makes the impossible, possible with God.

And it is in praise, that we, like the 120 in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, come into unity with each other. Unified, one in the Spirit, one in the Lord. Oh, the possibilities ahead for us in unity! When we come together in praise! Thank you, Father! Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Holy Spirit! And thank you, David, for obedience to your anointed, prophetic pen!

Prayer: *Father, we glorify you through Jesus’ sacrifice. Empower us to take the gospel to our world, united, unlimited and undimmed. Enable us to move ahead, the possibilities for ministry and evangelism, limitless! In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

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