

HOME FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

TIP: Remember to begin and end with prayer, as well as plant your seed offering. It may be helpful to have someone read the scriptures in the King James Version (KJV) and another the Amplified (AMP) version for better understanding.

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Topic: The Praise Challenge

Introduction: Recently, it was reported on various news outlets that in the United States, we have surpassed 500,000 deaths due to the pandemic (COVID-19). As we reflect on this, we cannot forget that each number in this total, was once a life (wife, husband, brother, sister, aunt, cousin, neighbor, friend etc.,) that shared space with us on earth. In the grand scheme of things, it may look as if we are challenged and surrounded by death, bad news, loss of all sorts, and pain, however, this is not the case. **WE** are **STILL** surrounded by the **LIVING** and it is because of Lord's, *mercy that we [were] not consumed for His compassion does not fail but is new every morning (Lam. 3:22)*. For this reason alone, the study tonight is designed to challenge and compel us to *put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3)*, because God has allowed us to be counted among the living for another day.



Read: **Psalm 146 (Key Verse 146:2), Hebrews 13:15, Isaiah 61:3**

Psalm 146 depicts Israel's praise to God for His magnificence and goodness towards them. It is a true song of praise, in which the people basked in the true essence of God's nature as it relates to their existence. While we know that during hard times, praise may seem far from our thoughts, however this Psalm reminds us that our praise is not a reward to God, but a reminder to ourselves of who we truly rely on. Therefore, after reading this passage remember these key takeaways: (1) This Psalm, calls us to develop a lifestyle of praise. (2) It warns against putting your trust in man or good people. (3) It offers a blessing on the one who finds help in God. (4) It gives a description of the wonderful works of God in the lives of His people. (5) It is a call to praise your great God!



Discuss: **Isaiah 61:3** During times of hardship, you may find yourself in ask/receive mode and praise may difficult. However, why is praise so beneficial to both your spiritual and physical man during these times?

Hebrews 13:15 How often do you give praise and thanksgiving to God? Is it only during your prayer time, when you receive something you asked for, or is it any time (in your car, job, walking, spontaneously)? Do you thank God often for life?

Challenge:

While it is true that things may seem challenging, this is a challenge that as believers, we can conquer in the most unique way. Instead of looking around and feeling surrounded by life's circumstances, choose to be surrounded by the garment of praise. Therefore, for the **next four days, without making a specific request, give praise and thanks to God for His love, goodness, kindness, and compassion extended towards you every morning.** Remember your praise is not a reward to God, but a reminder to yourself that He *is* God, the giver and sustainer of your life.

If you have additional questions or comments that you would like to submit regarding tonight's topic, please submit them via email to one of our ministers at: info@godswaywoc.org.

****Remember to share Christ with someone else.****