

"By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15 KJV



Hearts swell as we watch loved ones or a favorite team win! Our lips give evidence of emotions deep within us! Leaping to our feet, we lift our hands in a victory salute as they triumph! Trophies proudly commemorate past victories, and we're ever ready to undulate any willing hearer with detailed accounts. Feats are recorded, displayed proudly, and preserved in books, but are we, however, quite so ready to praise the God of our Eternal Salvation? Perhaps, our hearts do not swell with emotion when the Divine Creator stoops to intervene in our daily struggles, because we do not recognize His Hand. Maybe we should avail ourselves of His liberality from time to time to keep our hearts refreshed and renewed instead of doing everything in the power of our own might and reason! We should need no prompting to praise Him! It is called a "sacrifice" of praise, because it is often neither spontaneous nor effortless. In those dark times, when the heavens seem brass and God is deaf, praise your KING who works everything "for good to them love [Him]," because that is exactly what God commands! "Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people. In EVERYTHING give thanks: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD in Christ Jesus." Give detailed accounts of His provision to any listener. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." It is the dark times when praise becomes a "sacrifice." The word, "continually" indicates it must be habitual. We must always rejoice in the care and Divine Love of our Lord, past and present. George Muller said, "The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety." He gave thanks for an empty orphanage supper table Groceries arrived as he finished! We don't "hope" God will provide, we "know" He will, because He said so. "God shall supply ALL YOUR NEED." Do children doubt Christmas gifts or do they excitedly anticipate them? Adults may tally days, but children's concept of time is just, "wait." The Apostle asks rhetorically, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" In every situation, good or bad, praise God from whom all Blessings flow! God's Word is His "Blessings" which, if obeyed, lead us to bountiful provision! Remember: not all of God's provision is material! Love and health are far more important than land and wealth! God's presence in your thoughts is priceless! "The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of wisdom; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Whoso hearkeneth unto [wisdom] shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." Wisdom is thankful for the Day even in the Night!

A gift of praise to God above,
Will demonstrate a heart of love,
A soul caressed by loving KING,
Will ever let His praises ring. -CGP

"Faith (obedience to God's Word) is the evidence of things...NOT seen." It's not the visible which motivates praise, but knowledge. "I KNOW Whom I have believed, AND AM PERSUADED that HE IS ABLE to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day." The two conditions of God's provision are love and obedience of Him and His Word!

"And we know that ALL THINGS (good and bad) work together for good to them that LOVE God, to them who are THE CALLED (obedient) according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 KJV