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Praise is the response of the Spirit to the revealed glory of God.

God's glory is His name, presence, and goodness, revealed to us in the face of Christ.

People of praise are those who know they have been redeemed, and are making it known!

Romans 5:6

⁶For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Exultation in Christ is a "we" event- something we participate in together on the basis of our mutual reconciliation to God!

Psalms 51:12

¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

What do we do when the joy of our salvation is lacking, and we cannot find praise for God in our hearts?

Ephesians 5:18-21- walking as children of light

¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; ²⁰always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; ²¹and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Hebrews 10:23-25

²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

It is nearly impossible to cast off regular fellowship with believers and to remain encouraged in faith.

God created us as a body, interconnected, interdependent- we cannot function normally in isolation.

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

James 5:13

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.

So, is anybody discouraged? Is anybody feeling like they are losing the fight of faith? We should pray!

Let the church encourage you, and we will all praise together!

Psalms- Psalm 1

1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.
³ He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psalm 37

Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers. ² For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb. ³ Trust in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. ⁴ Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He will do it. ⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light And your judgment as the noonday.

Psalm 84:11

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Psalm 22:30-31

³⁰ Posterity will serve Him; It will be told of the Lord to the *coming* generation. ³¹ They will come and will declare His righteousness To a people who will be born, that He has performed *it*.

Hymns- My Jesus I Love Thee

1 My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2 I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Trust and Obey

But we never can prove the delights of His love Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows, Are for them who will trust and obey.

When We All Get to Heaven

When we all get to heaven What a day of rejoicing that will be When we all see Jesus We'll sing and shout the victory

Spiritual Songs

Justice Waiting

How many lies must we hear? How many lives will be stolen? How long will we let this fear paralyze the church?
How long will these renters rule the earth?
There is a new day coming and it won't be long There is a fire burning and a wind that's strong There is justice waiting
for the child of God. It will all go down, somehow.

Take courage- Kristine DeMarco

Take courage my heart Stay steadfast my soul He's in the waiting He's in the waiting
Hold onto your hope As your triumph unfolds He's never failing He's never failing

2 Chron 5: 13-14

"*He* indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.