

Worship Choir Prayer Thoughts

May 10-13, 2012

CHRIST BE PRAISED

Thursday:

*Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this
Christ be praised.*

Lots of things happen when Christ receives our praise and thankfulness. Praise and reliance on God in troubled times somehow creates a new perspective on our circumstances. It changes our focus away from our everyday difficulties and gives us a view from the eternal God. David must have felt that the world was against him.

Psalm 3

A psalm of David, regarding the time David fled from his son Absalom.

¹ *O LORD, I have so many enemies; so many are against me.² So many are saying, "God will never rescue him!"*

³ *But you, O LORD, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. ⁵ I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the LORD was watching over me.⁶ I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side.*

***We all have moments of despair every day.
When those moments come,
put this song in your mind and heart.
And then "may Jesus Christ be praised!"***

Friday:

*The night becomes as day when from the heart we say,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet song they hear;
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"*

"The night" can describe so many situations in our lives. It can be the loss of a loved one, a moment of despair in tragic circumstances, or the hopelessness

we feel when we face seemingly overwhelming problems. . Sometimes we can see the "night" coming and sometimes "the night" comes so slowly we hardly notice. Sometimes it jars us out of our frivolity and drops on us like a rock! David must have struggled a while before he wrote,

Psalm 13

For the choir director: A psalm of David.

¹ *O LORD, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way?² How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day?³ Turn and answer me,*

⁵ *But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me.⁶ I will sing to the LORD because he is good to me.*

It's hard to remember that Jesus hears every prayer and praise. He not only hears us but he already has an answer on the way.

***Pray for God to give you faith and courage to believe
that He really is in control.***

Saturday:

*Lord, You reign in pow'r and majesty
We exalt you all our days.
We the ransomed sing with victory
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"*

Praise is more than words declaring the greatness of God. The truest praise is found in our actions. When trouble comes, when despair breaks into our hearts, it is then that true praise really happens. Our praise is demonstrated to the world when we face the bad stuff and still say,
"May Jesus Christ be Praised!"

As you prepare for Sunday remember that you are a Worship Leader- a priest that stands before the congregation to help them worship our Lord. Every worship service should give everyone attending the opportunity to meet with God. As worship leaders let's find God during the week and bring Him with us to worship. That way when people start trying to find Him we will know exactly where He is!