

## In Judah Is God Known

### **Psalm 76:1 AMPC**

[1] In Judah God is known and renowned; His name is highly praised and is great in Israel.

**There are four reasons why the name of Judah is extremely significant to you and I.**

1. The first important reason for this name is "**JUDAH REPRESENTS PRAISE THAT FIGHTS REJECTION AND INSANITY.**" (grabbing of the head). Leah the wife of Jacob was severe being rejected in **Genesis 29:35**. When she had her fourth child she named him Judah. She named her first three sons after a need to be accepted by her husband. But when she brought forth Judah she gave up trying to please people and said, "NOW I WILL PRAISE THE LORD. I SHALL CALL THIS SON YEHUDAH"!
2. The second importance of this word Judah was it represents **the power to intercede on behalf of another.** (stretching of the arms) Judah's interceded for his brothers in **Genesis 37:26** when he was pleading with Joseph.
3. The third importance of this word, Judah, is it represents what **you fight with first in spiritual warfare.** (the boxing of the arms) In **Judges 20:18** God said, "send Judah first in battle" (show this image at this time <https://goo.gl/images/FqFuzf>). While facing death and severe bodily injury God defended King Jehoshaphat and Israel when their singers went into battle first and God miraculously slew all of Israel's enemies.
4. But the most important of all reasons this name Judah is most significant is **it was given to Jesus.** (Lifting of the hands for lordship) For Jesus came from the tribe of Judah according to Rev. 5:5

**This is the foundation and basis for you and I to increase our practice for daily praise and worship.**

1. Judah or praise fights rejection and insanity for us.
2. Judah or praise breaks yokes off of others as an act of intercession.
3. Praise is an act of spiritual warfare towards evil.
4. Praise or Judah represents the total lordship of Jesus Christ over all human affairs.

Can I be transparent with you today? I was convicted about this subject while studying to teach it last week in our KCC class. I recognize that I myself had forgotten the essentiality of practicing this for daily living. I can even think back at key times of my life where the devil ripped my confidence from me in practicing praise and worship when I was having marriage problems as a newlywed. I later, though praise, was for shallow believers and worship was for the deeper mature believers. That is not altogether true. In fact when studying this topic the Lord revealed to me four enemies attacking my ability to praise and worship the Lord.

1. My pride which produces self consciousness in public praise.
2. My impatience which produces anger and depression.
3. My selfishness which focuses on feeling uncomfortable to praise the Lord openly.

4. My private fears that come from my abandonment and self image insecurity issues.

These four enemies try to choke our practicing of praise and worship!

**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GO TO HEAVEN OR BE SUCCESSFUL SPIRITUALLY IN THIS LIFE WITHOUT CONSISTENTLY PRACTICING PRAISE AND WORSHIP.**

Because God communicates His intimate love and promises to us through praise and worship. If we try to serve God without praise and worship we are no better than people who practice spiritualism such as witchcraft and voodoo.

Because God reveals His mind, His will, and His heart towards us through praise and worship.

Let's cover two fundamental points concerning praise and worship. **Praise and worship are not the same.**

PRAISE is an expression of approval or admiration, of gratitude and devotion for blessings received. I am acknowledging The greatness and accomplishments of God. The act of praise is bigger than you are, because it connects with a God who is bigger than you are! **Chronicles 29:11-12 ampc** [11] Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and Yours it is to be exalted as Head over all. [12] Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hands are power and might; in Your hands it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Pride and selfishness Will not let me praise the lord quoting these verses. You want to know why? Because I have been guilty of being overly invested emotionally in my relationship circumstances or I am not appreciative of what humans do for me. or what the five fold ministries has done for me. So guess what my thankfulness towards God will be cheap and small and chintzy. Unthankful people with earthly things do not practice praise and worship.

**1 Timothy 4:4-5 AMPC**

[4] For everything God has created is good, and nothing is to be thrown away or refused if it is received with thanksgiving. [5] For it is hallowed and consecrated by the Word of God and by prayer.

**Philippians 4:6-7 AMPC**

[6] Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition ( definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

[7] And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Praise accomplishes what we cannot accomplish, because it LAUNCHES SPIRITUAL WEAPONS at the enemy that demolish his strength and silence his voice.

That's of course if I approach praise with humility and with an attitude of surrendering, and with an attitude of brokenness. David released praise as a weapon when facing Goliath in 1 Sam. 17:45. Paul and Silas sang praises unto

God while in prison and the jail cells fell open. Acts 16:25, And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

I was there in Philippi where an earthquake took out an entire city because of the seriousness of praise that came from Paul and Silas. Evil spirits fell off of Saul from the praises of David. This kind of praise requires honesty and vulnerability on your part. Praise is not some public competitive act or traditional pentecostal calisthenics.

Can you praise the Lord with his word for just a moment? It releases peace and strength and joy into the atmosphere against our enemies.

**Psalm 99:1-6 AMPC**

[1] The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble [with reverential fear]! He sits [enthroned] above the cherubim, let the earth quake! [2] The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples. [3] Let them confess and praise Your great name, awesome and reverence inspiring! It is holy, and holy is He! [4] The strength of the king who loves righteousness and equity You establish in uprightness; You execute justice and righteousness in Jacob (Israel). [5] Extol the Lord our God and worship at His footstool! Holy is He! [6] Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called upon His name; they called upon the Lord, and He answered them.

**KING DAVID WAS CREATIVE IN USING PRAISE TO SILENCE HIS ENEMIES.** He used Hallam praise- to be clamorous. To be loud. To boast and be foolish with public conduct with my praise. Ps. 113:1. He used Barack praise-to kneel in adoration. Ps. 115:18, David used Towdah praise- to lift the hands in gratitude and thanksgiving as a public act. Ps. 116:17, David used Shabach praise-using a loud tone for triumph for his glory. Ps. 117:1, then there is Giyl praise-to spin under the influence of violent emotion.

**AGAIN PRAISE AND WORSHIP ARE TWO DIFFERENT ACTS.** Worship is the act of paying honor to a deity. The Hebrew and Greek words reflect the meanings “to bow down, to prostrate oneself before another, to fall down in adoration or honor, to kneel before someone, to offer something or serve someone.

**Genesis 22:5** mentions the word, “worship” for the first time when Abraham is going to offer up Isaac his son as a sacrifice to Yahweh.

[5] And Abraham said to his servants, Settle down and stay here with the donkey, and I and the young man will go yonder and worship and come again to you.

Praise is demonstrated with the clapping of the hands, singing, shouting, running and dancing before the Lord. Praise is about getting and worship is about giving. Worship is demonstrated with the bowing of the human will and spirit. It is not clamorous like praise. Worship is a much deeper surrendering of the will than praise. Worship goes deeper than praise yet the two are very important to practice towards God. Worship reflects more on who God is and praise reflects on what?

**Psalm 95:6-7 AMPC** [6] O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker [in reverent praise and supplication]. [7] For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice.

Worship is the act of paying honor to a deity, and the Hebrew and Greek words reflect the meanings “to bow down, to prostrate oneself before another, to fall down in adoration or honor, to kneel before someone, to offer something or serve someone.

**Notice that all of these Biblical forms of worship demand a response through the MOUTH or through MOTION.**

There is no room for quiet, reserved worship that supposedly happens only “in the heart’. It is not biblical to praise and worship the Lord quietly all or most of the time. Biblical worship involves the mind, body and spirit of the person. The Bible teaches that the MOUTH is the center of spiritual warfare! The mouth can either launch the DEVIL’S weapons or GOD’S weapons. Satan comes to steal kill and destroy. He comes to steal your praise, then kill your worship, and destroy your intimacy and love towards God.

#### **EVERY LOVE AFFAIR INVOLVES THE EMOTIONS!**

Some people say, “I’m just not the emotional type!” What you mean is, you’re only emotional about things that are important to you! The Bible tells us that there’s only ONE KIND of person that is exempt from the command to praise. And they are those who are dead. **Psalms 115:17** says the dead praise not the Lord. Neither any that go into silence. **Matt. 8:22** says let the dead bury the dead.

### **Praise is about getting and worship. It’s about giving.**

#### **WHICH WEAPON WILL YOU LAUNCH?**

When you praise instead of panic, and worship instead of worry, God fights for you! The Bible teaches that the MOUTH is the center of spiritual warfare! The mouth can either launch the DEVIL’S weapons or GOD’S weapons. **Rev. 16:13** And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

**Proverbs 18:21** Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

God didn’t keep Joseph from the pit or Daniel from the lions den, or the Hebrew boys from the fiery furnace, or Paul and Silas from the prison – *BUT BECAUSE THEY STARTED PRAISING INSTEAD OF POUTING*, God walked with them through each situation!

#### **WHICH WEAPON WILL YOU LAUNCH?**

Additional scriptures for studying this topic.

#### **1 Chronicles 16:29**

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

#### **Psalms 9:11**

Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.  
christian and not worship with exuberance?!

**Psalms 18:3** I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

**Psalm 22:3** But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

There are 206 bones in my skeleton supporting me, but really it's God holding me up with His everlasting arms – for this, I give Him praise!

**Psalm 98:4** Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

**Psalm 100:4** Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

**Psalm 113:3** From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.

**Psalm 107:8,15,21,31** Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

**Psalm 150:1-6** Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise

Unthankful people with earthly things do not practice praise and worship.

DLR/ag