

# PRAISE News

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## What Should We Expect?

As we learn to praise the Lord for everything, what should we expect?

Most of us expect quick *results*. If there are no quick benefits, our short attention spans will sometimes cause us to move on to something else. Therefore, many people do not learn how the power of praise can bring undeniably miraculous results. I have seen many occasions when praising God brought immediate results. But I have also learned that God wants us to expect *His will* to be done rather than our own will.

You and I face an uncertain future. Personal and family tragedies may be only seconds away. In many respects our futures are beyond our control. The potential for disease, accidents and financial calamities surrounds us.

Our surrounding hardships aren't very different from those faced by the people to whom Paul wrote. He asked them to decide whether tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness or sword could separate them from God's love. Then he said, *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors* (Romans 8:35 & 37).

While our future is unknown to us, the results *can* be known. Paul said we could *know* that God would work everything for our good. Once we become rooted in that principle, beautiful changes happen *in us*. Fear of the unknown begins to fade. Losing inner fear is one of the greatest miracles we can experience. We are no longer controlled by the circumstances of this world. Instead, this world is controlled by our faith.

Does our faith work? I've watched people face

By Merlin Carothers

death who were filled with faith, and others face death who were controlled by this world.

What a difference! Both persons may have pain, but pain *without fear* is far different from pain drenched in fear. It is so different that it isn't even comparable.

Don't wait until you face severe calamities before you fill your mind and heart with faith in God's loving, perfect care. I exhort you to study God's will for you. Be prepared for whatever "tests" may lie ahead. He promises to be with us always, so let's learn to trust Him where we are, in *whatever circumstance*.

You may like where you are now – but still worry about your future. Or you may struggle with your present conditions and want to be somewhere else. Whatever your attitude, your mission is still the same: Believe that God is working in your situation for your good (see Romans 8:28). Fail in this task and you face a fearful future. There is no other way to prepare for the unknown events that lie ahead.

Those who watched Jesus die undoubtedly thought His death was a worthless tragedy that accomplished nothing. Now we *know* that His death accomplished *everything*.

Believe that today is one small part of God's eternal plan for you. If today is difficult, harsh or painful, remember Jesus' day on the cross. He was fulfilling His part in order that you and I might have eternal life.

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# Is It True?

By Mary Carothers



Is the Bible true? Can we *really* depend on it? The psalmist wrote in Psalm 119:105 that God's Word was a lamp for his feet and a light for his pathway.

When this Psalm was composed, parts of the New Testament were yet to be written. People of that day did not have as full a revelation of God as we do today. Yet the psalmist believed he could rely on the scripture that he did have. He says in Psalm 119:114 *I have put my hope in Your Word.*

If the psalmist could put his hope and trust in God's Word, then so can we. Because God's Word never changes (verse 89), it is just as appropriate for God's people today as it was thousands of years ago.

God commanded His people to keep the gift of sex within marriage. Was He wanting them to be inhibited? Was He trying to keep them from having fun? Of course not. God wanted – and still wants – to keep marriages stable. Today, we have rampant diseases, as well as a multitude of hurting, aching people with broken lives. Yes, God's Word is *very* relevant today.

How about Jesus' command to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44)? I discovered something about the Bible. God's commands to us are for *our good*.

That's right. When I can operate in the realm of God's agape love, I am in *charge* of the situation. I'm *in* control of my attitude, my words and my actions. I'm not responsible for other people's attitudes or actions. God only holds me accountable for my own. Whatever the situation, if I am controlled by God's agape love, *I win!* Why should I care if someone thinks poorly of me, or falsely accuses me? If I am pleasing to God, then I am *more than a conqueror* (see Romans 8:37).

Can you see how Jesus is glorified when any of us manage to exhibit the love of God to those who treat us badly? What the devil meant for evil (to hurt our feelings or to make us angry or whatever) God has caused to work for good (see Romans 8:28). Whatever comes across the pathway of our lives, let's allow God's Word to be our guide, and His love controls us. That makes God happy and gives glory to Jesus.



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By his wife Clare  
of Dresher, PA

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By Marie Lanningham  
of Hiltons, VA

# The Power of Praise

Reading *Power in Praise* has taught me much about always praising Jesus. Thank you for continuing this good work. The more we thank Him, the more joy He gives us.

ELIZABETH, CA

*Power in Praise* changed the way I pray, and it has helped me in my faith journey. A friend gave me the book before she tragically passed and said it had a powerful impact on her life. I'm going to continue her legacy and Merlin's by sharing many copies of *Power in Praise*.

NANCY, PA

I read *Power in Praise* and it has greatly helped my faith after our family went through years of homelessness after a failed business. It was a very difficult time, but this book has helped me to trust God as He works all things together for our good. I'm so grateful for this powerful book and reminders to praise God in all circumstances.

MICHELLE, WA



Please agree in prayer for everyone who receives *Praise News*. We receive so many requests for prayer. Some of these requests are for:

Our Nation	Financial difficulties
Marital problems	Loss of a loved one
Health Issues	Family hardships and conflicts
Unemployment	Healing of loved ones
Salvation	Our military personnel

*But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

Deuteronomy 4:29

*Power in Praise* positively affected my walk with Christ. I was so blessed by it that I told my family that they needed to read it, and they have been just as encouraged as I was.

CHRISTOPHER, CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE, FL

Reading *Power in Praise* lead me to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I'm so grateful for the impact this book has had on my life, and it is one of the best books I have ever read.

JERRY, COUNTY JAIL, CA

I read *Power in Praise* and it truly has been a big blessing in my life. I really need prayers as I sit here alone in my cell.

DAVID, COUNTY JAIL, FL

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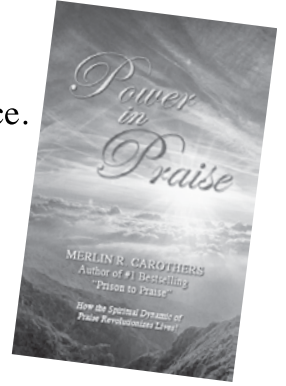
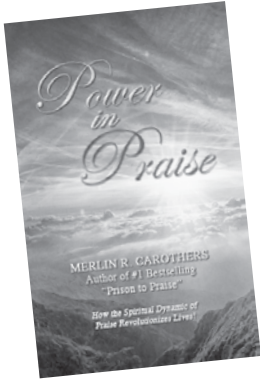
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