

# PRAISE News

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## Is It Still Happening?

By Merlin Carothers

Ever since I became a follower of Jesus I have heard people asking, “How do you know that Jesus is who He

said He was?”

Something happened in me when I knew Jesus was my Savior. Nobody said, “Merlin, you should tell people all over the world that Jesus is the Savior.” Yet a voice within me kept urging me to do everything I could to help people know and love Him.

I’ve known that my talents are limited so it has been easy for me to understand that whenever God has used me to do *anything*, all the praise goes to Jesus. It’s somewhat like being born. I had nothing to do with that! My parents did everything.

I say this because I know some readers feel incapable of being a part of God’s plan to give His Good News to all the world. Pay no attention to Satan’s ugly voice. The Bible says he is a liar. He just wants to keep Jesus from being glorified. In spite of his efforts to persecute Christians, God’s words keep reaching more people!

Once the doors to China were shut but now Christians go there with suitcases filled with Bibles and Christian books. Why is that possible? Because one, two and then many people kept doing their best to get Jesus’ Good News to the Chinese people.

The same is happening in many countries. People like you and me are doing what *they can* do to get Jesus’ message to the people. All over the world God’s people have been doing *what they can do!* The Holy Spirit is helping us. Soon Jesus will come back and reveal to us what His people have accomplished. We should not be discouraged!

For hundreds of years Christians were threatened with death if they printed even *one* Bible. But Christians did not give up. Some were executed but others worked harder to get Jesus’ message to others. Millions of Bibles have been printed! Christians have given thousands of copies to people who have read God’s words and received Jesus as Savior. Today there are people who dedicate their lives to help others know and love Jesus.

When you are led to give a praise book to one more person, that person may be inspired to give more books to others. Yes, it is still happening.

People in other countries are offering to translate and publish our books in additional languages. There are no limits to what God may do to help more people, everywhere, to know and love His Son. His power working in us can do – anything.

Listen and perhaps you can hear Jesus’ words that He spoke to men and women who had no education, no position of power, no authority:

*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature* (Mark 16:15 KJV). (Reprint from March 2011)



# Who Do You Say He Is?



By Mary Carothers

In Matthew 16:13 Jesus asked His disciples, Who do people say that I am? The disciples

replied that some folks thought Jesus was John the Baptist, perhaps because John and Jesus ushered in a new era of God's dealing with mankind. Other people thought He was Elijah, because both Jesus and Elijah were miracle workers. Still others thought Jesus was Jeremiah come back to life, possibly because both were prophets of reform and hope.

While all these opinions about Jesus' ministry may very well have been true, the people had a very limited understanding of *who* Jesus really was and what His ministry was to provide for all mankind. Isn't that just like today? If we ask people who *they* think Jesus was, some will respond that Jesus was a great prophet and teacher. Others may say that Jesus was the founder of a new religion. Some may even reply that Jesus is God's Son... without understanding the significance of their statement.

All these things about Jesus are true. Yet I wonder if many people today grasp the totality of **all** that Jesus is. The first time Jesus came, He came as a servant, the Lamb of God, to be the final great

sacrifice for sin. He died – once, for all (see Rom. 6:10) – to rescue us from the kingdom of darkness and has brought us into the kingdom of light, where Jesus is King (see Col. 1:13).

When Jesus comes back again, He will come as a triumphant King, clothed in glory. No longer the Lamb that was slain for our sins. Now, He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (see Rev. 5:5). He shall forever be Lord of All.

When Jesus walked the earth as the Son of Man, people could only guess at who He was. Only by special revelation from God the Father did Peter respond correctly to Jesus' question: *Who do you say that I am?* (see Matt. 16:16).

Today, the Holy Spirit is given to all believers. He desires to reveal to each of us all that Jesus is – to help us in our trials and temptations, as well as to help us understand His glory for all eternity.

Do you want to know Jesus better? Do you desire to comprehend all that He is? If you do, then ask, and keep on asking the Holy Spirit to reveal, and keep on revealing all that Jesus is. As He continues to do this, you will come to know Him as your best friend, the One who will help you each day with your problems.

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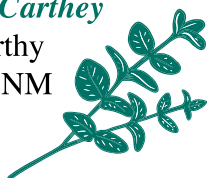
## The Foundation of Praise

*has received gifts*

IN LOVING MEMORY:

*Elizabeth Dora McCarthy*

By Mor McCarthy  
of Rio Rancho, NM



IN HONOR OF:

*Linda Gooch*

By her sister  
Jeanne Struve  
of Fort Myers, FL



*“Whatever you do,  
work heartily, as  
for the Lord and  
not for men...”*

Colossians 3:23

# The Incredible Power of Praise!

The book *Power in Praise* has been a real blessing in my life.

ROBERT, NJ

I gave a young friend in Ohio a copy of *Power in Praise* and she read it and took it to heart. She told me in astonishment, "I've not been trusting the Lord." I also gave a copy to an always anxious friend in Colorado, and she told me, "I've prayed and prayed all these years, but I've never praised Him." Thank you again for your praise-worthy work.

RANDA, CO

I was 33 years old when I first put praise into practice after reading *Power in Praise*. Now I am 81 years old, and God still uses the concept of praising the Lord in all situations.

BARBARA, CA

I love Merlin's praise books. About seven years ago a friend gave me *Power in Praise* and it helped me so much! I have several of the praise books and they are incredible!

MARYELLEN, TN

## KINDLE READERS PRAISE FOR POWER IN PRAISE

*Power in Praise* was an old favorite of mine for many years but found that I had drifted away from the principles of praising the Lord. Applying these Biblical truths has brought me back to trusting the Lord and praising God for everything.

*Power in Praise* should be a must read for everyone! By following the principles of praising God for everything, this book will either change the difficulties, your perspective of them, your heart and mind, or all of them.



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Monday, September 4, 2023

I have read *Power in Praise* many times and each time it helps me praise God for the difficult times in my life. I'm more at peace knowing that God is in control, and I can completely trust Him.

## CHAPLAINS LETTERS OF PRAISE AND THANKS

Thank you for the donation of books to the Mecklenburg Sheriff's Office. These books have meant so much to the inmates during these challenging times. You are an encouragement to the inmates and have demonstrated the Spirit of God's love by your generosity.

CHAPLAIN, NC

I want to thank you for the generous donation of books to the young men at the Youth Center of St. Charles. I know God will use these books in the lives of the boys here.

CHAPLAIN, IL



*Your faithful support has enabled us to send free praise books to the following facilities!*

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State Prison, Deer Lodge, MT  
Correctional Center, Danville, IL  
Shasta County Jail, Redding, CA  
Correctional Center, Springer, NM  
Correctional Center, State Farm, VA  
Monroe County Jail, Rochester, NY  
Anson Correctional Institute, Polkton, NC  
Pulaski State Prison, Hawkinsville, GA  
Berks County Jail System, Leesport, PA  
Holman Correctional Facility, Atmore, AL  
Cois Byrd Detention Center, Murrieta, CA  
Community Corrections Center, Vinita, OK  
Community Correctional Center, Osceola, AR  
Merrick County Corrections, Central City, NE  
Waiawa Correctional Facility, Pearl City, HI  
SE State Correctional Complex, Wheelwright, KY  
Correctional Institute, Main Unit, Avon Park, FL  
Taconic Correctional Facility, Bedford Hills, NY  
Concordia Parish Correctional Facility, Ferriday, LA

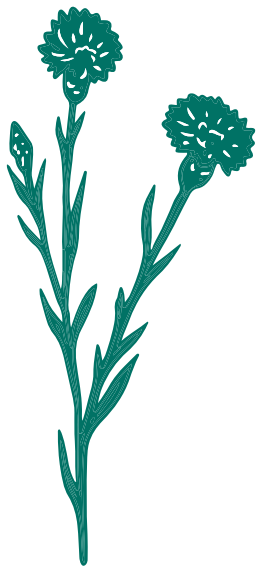


# ACT NOW!

If your father were a billionaire, he could make business opportunities for you that now seem impossible. If he were a Hollywood film director or producer he could introduce you to most of the stars and even to a movie career. If he were the President of the United States, he could open many opportunities to you.

But your Heavenly Father has already given you the opportunity to open the doors of Heaven to ten people, one hundred or even thousands! If you say, *Not me. I'm too old, or I don't have the talent*, you would be wrong. You could give one book to a man or woman whom God would empower to win multitudes to Christ. In Heaven you could see a record of what YOU had accomplished for Him!

Act on this possibility. At a very low cost you can get that copy of *Power in Praise* that God could use to win that person to Christ. With many copies you can greatly increase the potential of what God will do through you. But act now before you get too busy or even forget!



## Power in Praise

We hope you will take advantage of this *Power in Praise* reduced price. Order your copies today and ask God to guide you to those who need to hear the message there is in the power of praise!

Book Quantity	Price Per Book	Retail Cost	USPS Shipping	Your Total Cost
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10	\$2.75	\$90.00	\$7.00	\$34.50
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