

The Distinction of Praise

“Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; Let those who hate Him flee before Him.”

Psalms 68:1

According to the testimony of Acts 12:7-10, every prayer requires angelic involvement. In response to that prayer, God sent an angel down with the answer of deliverance. In the three instances of Daniel's prayers (Dan 6:19-22; 9:3,21-22; 10:12-14), God responded to all Daniel's prayers by dispatching angels to go and deliver the answers. But though angels excel in strength, they are limited in power. There is no omnipotent angel, God is the only omnipotent being.

“But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

Psalms 22:3

Praise is superior to prayer. Whereas angels attend to prayer, God personally attends to praises; and that makes the difference. When God attends to anything, you can be sure of miracles. Every time God rises in your favour, the victory is won. Praise is what makes God rise from His holy habitation; it is what triggers off the intervention of the omnipotent God. When the almighty God steps in, every devil bows out.

Remember the account of Acts 16:25, when Paul and Silas switched to praise, God came down in person! How do I know? The Bible records that there was a great earthquake; and Psalm 114:7 says, *“Tremble, thou earth at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob!”* God stepped in in person and *“immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.”* Paul and Silas walked out of the prison in dignity and the case was closed!

Praise provokes miracles (Jn 11:41). Praise is God's hotline! You can pray amiss, but you can never praise amiss! The oil of gladness anoints your praises! (Ps 45:7) Heaviness cripples praises (Isa 61:3). God still inhabits the praises of His people. The NKJ says, it *'enthroned'* in their praises. The king will overthrow all your enemies in the battlefield (2 Ch 20:22-25; Ps 18:46-50).