

27. Praise Drives Satan Out

We will continue looking at this wonderful key that God has given us, to open every door on earth, the key of praising God.

God is a good God. Every single thing that He does and allows to come into our lives is designed for our very best. Some of it may be painful, and we may not understand it, but it is designed for our very best. You know just like our children who don't understand sometimes what is good for them. When you force your child to go to school on a Monday morning, your 4 year or 5 years old child doesn't understand. The child would rather stay at home, play or sleep or something like that, but he doesn't understand what you are forcing him to do is good for him. In the same way, many things that God allows in our life, we may not understand, because we are immature, but they are all designed for our good. It is only the devil who is out to destroy us.

Jesus came to earth and exposed two things. One, He exposed the tremendous goodness of our heavenly Father and second, He exposed the thoroughly evil nature of the devil who seeks to deceive us in so many ways. There is a verse in Isaiah 61 which tells us the ministry that Jesus came to accomplish. In fact, Jesus quoted this passage, in Luke 4, in the very first Sermon that He preached in the Synagogue in Nazareth. Here it says, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me." And what has the Lord - the Father, anointed Jesus to do? - "To bring the good news to the oppressed. To build up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners" (Is. 61:1).

You know, Jesus came to set people free. The devil

27. 赞美声能赶走撒但

我们接下来继续查看神给我们的这把绝妙的、可以打开一切门的钥匙，这把钥匙就是，赞美神。

神，是良善的神。祂做的，和祂允许我们生命里发生的每件事，都有祂对我们最好的打算。有的事可能很痛苦，有的我们无法理解，但一切都是为了我们好。就好像小孩子有时候不懂什么对他们有益处一样。周一早上，当你强迫自己的孩子去上学，一个四五岁的孩子就不明白。小孩儿想在家呆着，玩啊、睡觉什么的，他们不明白你的强迫是为他们好。同样的，神允许我们生命里发生的很多事情我们也不明白，因为我们不成熟，然而一切都是对我们有益的。只有魔鬼才是一直在伺机毁掉我们。

主耶稣来到地上使两件事充分显露。第一，祂让我们知晓天父的无比良善；第二，祂也揭露出魔鬼无比的邪恶，时刻伺机欺骗人类。以赛亚书 61 章的一节经文告诉我们主耶稣来地上所要成就的。实际上，路加福音 4 章记录着，主耶稣在拿撒勒第一次讲道，就是引用的这段话。这段经文说，“主的灵在我身上，因为祂用膏膏我”，那么天父膏抹主耶稣来做什么？“叫我传好消息给贫穷的人；差遣我医好伤心的人，报告被掳的得释放，被囚的出监牢”（以赛亚书 61 章 1 节）。

你知道吗？主耶稣来世上是为了使人得自由。魔鬼在

has come into the earth to bring people into bondage, but Jesus came to set people free. He has also come "To grant those who mourn in Zion, to give them a garland instead of ashes and the oil of gladness instead of mourning and the mantle of praise instead of the spirit of fainting" (Is. 61:3). Jesus has come to give us the oil of gladness and the mantle of praise - a garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness and depression.

Do you know that the spirit of heaviness is not from God? It is something that the devil tries to put upon you like a garment. You must just shake it off. You must say, 'In Jesus' name, I resist you Satan. You can't put any depression on me. I resist you. I have been crucified with Christ. The blood of Jesus has cleansed my past life completely. My guilt is gone. You can't accuse me anymore, Satan.' Say these words to the devil and reject that spirit of heaviness and depression that Satan tries to put upon you.

Jesus has come to cast that spirit out from your life permanently, and not just cast it out and leave you naked. If He leaves you naked, that clothing of depression will come back on you again. No, He clothes you instead with the garment of praise. That is what it says here: the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness. Isn't it wonderful? Now, if you can believe this, this is really true. It is not the will of God that we should be depressed or discouraged or in a bad mood at any time. It may come like a temptation. We should shake it off and God will help us to shake it off.

What the Bible says in 1 John 2:6 is a very important. I don't know how many of you know it. "The one who says he abides in Christ, must walk as Jesus walked." In other words, if you say that "you are a Christian," the Living Bible puts it like this, "You must live as He lived." That is our calling; to

地上总是试图将人送入捆绑，而主耶稣来是为将人释放。祂来还是为了“赐华冠与锡安悲哀的人，代替灰尘，喜乐油代替悲哀，赞美衣代替忧伤之灵”（以赛亚书 61 章 3 节）。主耶稣来送给我们喜乐的油，赞美的衣——脱掉那沉重压抑的灵。

你知道吗，任何让人心情沉重的精神（灵）都不是从神来的？那就像魔鬼试图给你穿的衣服。你必须把它给抖掉。必须说，“以主耶稣的名，撒但我拒绝你。我拒绝你加给我的沮丧。因我已与主耶稣同死在十字架上了。主耶稣的宝血已洗净了从前的一切。我的罪已不在了。撒但，你无法再指责我了。”对魔鬼说这样的话，并且拒绝撒但加给你的沉重压抑的灵。

主耶稣早已将那灵永远从你生命里驱逐了，并且在那之后祂没有让你赤裸面对。假如祂留你赤条条在那，“沮丧”这件衣服就很快又会回到你身上。所以祂加给了你“赞美”这件外衣。这就是这里所说的，赞美衣代替忧伤之灵。这是不是妙极了？你要相信这的确是真实的。任何时候压抑、泄气或是坏情绪，都不是神的心意。这类情绪对人而言是有诱惑力的。我们需要把它们抖掉，并且神会帮我们把它们抖掉。

《圣经》里约翰一书 2 章 6 节的经文非常重要。不知道你们是否已经晓得。“人若说他住在主里面，就该自己照主所行的去行。”换句话说，假如你说自己是基督徒，“你就该像祂那样活着”。这是神对我们每个人的呼召，像祂那样活着，像祂那样行事。主耶稣有任何时候沮丧过吗？祂灰心丧气过吗？从没有。然而

live as He lived; to walk as He walked. Was Jesus ever depressed? Was He ever discouraged, or in a bad mood at any time? No, never. But one thing about Jesus' life is that, He took up the Cross. Every day He took up the Cross and He followed in His Father's will. Now, if we choose that way, this verse will be fulfilled in our life, not just occasionally, but every single day; a garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness, oil of gladness instead of mourning. It is a wonderful life.

Let me turn to another Psalm. In Psalm 8:2 we read this statement which Jesus quoted once in the temple when the little children were shouting and praising God. We read in Matthew 21: 15-16 about the time when the people held palm branches and lay down their clothes on the road for Jesus to ride on a donkey into Jerusalem. At that time, when Jesus came into the temple, He saw the children that were there yelling and shouting, "Hallelujah," "Hosanna to the Son of David." The Chief Priests did not like a lot of noise and all that. They believed that the only way to worship God was quietly and seriously as though a funeral was going on. There are people who think like that even today that, the only proper way to praise God is quietly and solemnly as though you were sitting in a funeral.

Now I believe with all my heart that there is a way of praising God in silence. But there is also praise that is acceptable to God that comes forth with shouts of joy. The Bible says, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord". We worship God with shouts of praise and also in solemn silence. It is not just always one or always the other. But here it was absolutely proper for the children to be excited and to praise God. Have you ever seen how people praise those who have just won a cricket match? For example, say, a cricket match is going on between India and Pakistan and India has won. Can you picture how

祂生命里我们需要看见的是，祂所背的十字架。祂活的每一天，都背着十字架，不为自己活，而为顺服天父的心意活。那么，假如我们选择这条路，这句话就会在我们身上应验，不是偶尔的，而是每天、每刻，赞美衣代替忧伤之灵，喜乐油代替悲哀。这样的人生该有多么美妙啊。

现在我们再看另外一篇。诗篇 8 章 2 节，这节经文主耶稣在圣殿里听到小孩子们大喊着赞美神时引用过。马太福音 21 章 15 到 16 节，那时人们砍下树枝，有的脱下衣服铺在主耶稣骑着驴驹子进入耶路撒冷的路的地上。主耶稣进了神的殿，看见小孩子喊着说“哈利路亚，和散那归于大卫的子孙。”祭司长不喜欢这些吵吵嚷嚷。他们这些人相信赞美神要安安静静，像葬礼那么严肃。直到今天也有很多人认为赞美神就该如此，恭敬、肃穆，如同葬礼一般。

而我真心相信，赞美神的确可以是安静的。但同时神也接受那些大声欢呼的赞美。《圣经》说，“要向主欢呼称颂。”我们既要用欢呼的赞美敬拜神，同时也要用庄重的静默来敬拜神。敬拜神不是只有一种对的方式。这里孩童兴奋的赞美神是完全适当的。你见过人群如何激动的赞美刚刚赢了板球的队员吧？比如说，印度对巴基斯坦刚赢了球。你能想象出体育场爆发的欢呼吧。那么基督徒为什么看起来不那么激动呢？主耶稣已经饶恕了我们的罪，祂完全的胜过了邪恶，在十字架上祂胜过了一切，还有那基督再来时的荣耀，祂将在地上建立祂的国度，这一切的一切，不值得基督徒激动欢呼吗？人们经常在神面前心情沉

that stadium erupts in excitement. Then why is that Christians don't seem to be excited about the fact that Jesus has forgiven their sins, that Jesus has defeated the devil, that Jesus overcame everything on the Cross, that Christ is returning in glory and He is going to set up His kingdom on the Earth? People sit with long faces in God's presence.

Jesus was thrilled to hear the noise of praise and so, when the Chief priest criticized those little children praising God, Jesus quoted Psalm 8:2. He said, 'Haven't you read that it says in the Bible, "From the mouth of infants and nursing babes, thou has established strength, because of Thine adversaries, to make the enemy and the revengeful cease. "' So what do we read there? That praise is the means by which God shuts the mouth of the enemy. That is very important for us to understand. It is through praising God that the mouth of the devil is shut and very often you can't shut the mouth of the devil in your life or your home, because you don't praise God.

The devil hates praise, I will tell you that. He hates praise in a home, he hates praise in a life, and he hates praise in a Church. That is why he makes people so grumpy and long-faced, grumbling and complaining most of the time, because then he can rule in their lives and in their homes. Satan cannot stand the sincere shouts of praise to God. That is why he can't stay in heaven because, in heaven, every angel is yelling and shouting praises to God. How can the devil stand around there? And he can't stand around in any Church where everybody is praising and shouting and thanking God; he can't. He can't be in a home where people are praising God. He can't sit in a life or in a heart where people are praising God.

Jesus was so excited when He saw those little

重，脸拉的老长。

主耶稣听见欢呼赞美声感到非常兴奋，可祭司长却在指责这些小孩儿赞美神过于吵闹，主耶稣引用了诗篇 8 章 2 节，说“经上说‘你从婴孩和吃奶的口中建立了能力，使仇敌和报仇的闭口无言。’”在这我们看到什么了？那就是，神利用赞美声使仇敌哑口无言。了解这一点对我们来说非常重要。对神的赞美可以使魔鬼哑口无言。而你的生活和你的家庭，在好多时候无法使魔鬼闭嘴，就是因为你们没有用心在赞美神。

老实告诉你，魔鬼憎恨我们对神的赞美。它恨我们在家、在生活中、在教会里对神赞美。因此它总是试图让人气不顺、烦躁、不开心，让人一个劲儿的嘟囔抱怨，因为只有这样，它才能在这些人的生活里掌权。撒但无法忍受人们对神真诚的赞美。也正因为如此，它无法在天堂里呆着，因为天堂里充满了每个天使大声呼喊赞美神的声音。魔鬼在那呆不下去。同样的，一个教会如果每个人都真心赞美神，大声感谢神，它也同样无法忍受。它也没法在一个赞美神的家庭里停留。魔鬼无法在一个赞美神的人心里坐王。

当主耶稣看见小孩子欢呼赞美神的时候，祂觉得非常

children praising God. That reminded Him of His home, Heaven. Jesus was used to living in heaven for eternity where He heard the angels praising God with a voice like loud thunders and then when Jesus came to earth and lived in Nazareth, He saw so many people grumbling, complaining, long-faced. He felt sad then, but now when He saw a situation like this, where children are shouting and praising God, it reminded Him of His heavenly home.

But those religious people just couldn't understand that. They couldn't stand that type of praise. What does that actually prove? They were actually in fellowship with the devil. The devil hated that praise and those religious people hated that praise. How is it in your life? Did you give room to the devil by that spirit of complaining and grumbling? What do we read in Psalm 8, through that expression of praise that came from the mouth of infants? - That it established strength to make the enemy shut his mouth and to make the revengeful person cease.

When we look around at Christians today, we can see how Satan has succeeded everywhere. In most places, he does it in 2 ways: One, he will stop the shouts of praise altogether, and that is what he has done in many homes, many churches, and many lives; there is no shout of praise. If he doesn't succeed there, then he has got a second technique, that is, where people are praising God, he will make them insincere. That means that they will say it with their mouths, but it is not true in their hearts and it is not true in their lives. So, both ways he succeeds.

So you have some Churches where they don't praise God at all and some other churches where it is only a ritual; it is not something which is true in their life all the time, but just praise God on Sunday morning. And then the devil succeeds in both these Churches. But what is God looking for? He is

兴奋。因为那让祂想到家，天堂。祂在永恒里曾习惯听着那些如雷鸣般响亮的天使的赞美声，可是当祂来到地上，在拿撒勒，看到那么多人没事就嘟囔抱怨，脸拉得老长，这让祂觉得很悲哀，可这些孩子让祂感觉好像又在家里似的。

可惜那些宗教人士无法明白，他们无法忍受这样的赞美声。这说明了什么？说明了他们实际上是和魔鬼相交的，魔鬼憎恨这样的赞美，这些宗教人士也憎恨这样的赞美。那么你的生命是怎样的呢？你用那抱怨的精神在心里为魔鬼留位置吗？诗篇 8 章我们看到了什么？从婴孩赞美的口中，建立了能力，使仇敌和报仇的闭口无言。

看看今天的基督徒们，到处都能看到撒但在得胜。基本上撒但就用两招：一是，让一个家、教会和很多人的生命，彻底没有赞美声。假如这招不成，它的第二招就是，让那些口里赞美神的，自欺欺人的假惺惺的赞美。让那些人嘴上说着，心里想的和活出来的生命完全是另外一回事。这两招无论哪个，都是让撒但得逞了。

结果有的教会压根就不赞美神，另外一些则是流于形式，那些赞美的话只存在于周日早上，而不是真的在生命里。这两种教会都让撒但得逞了。神寻找的是什么？祂寻找那些决心把撒但彻底赶出去的，诚心赞美神的教会、家庭和个人。

looking for churches, homes, individuals like you who are determined to drive the devil right out of your life, your home and your church by sincere praise.

Why does Satan hate sincere praise to God? - Because, as we saw in Psalm 8, that is how he is going to lose his power over you. Empty shouts of praise, that doesn't come from a Holy life, that doesn't come from a sincere heart, don't have any power. No, but if it comes from a heart that is really committed to God, it has tremendous power in it.

You know, how that the Israelites worshipped the golden calf and they called it Jehovah and they shouted to that Jehovah or what they called Jehovah. So loud that Moses and Joshua heard it at such a long distance away, but that wasn't real praise. It was empty, it was hollow. There was immorality in the midst of that praise and that can happen even today. People can praise God with a loud voice and there can be immorality in the midst of all the praise to Jesus. But where it comes from sincerity, there, you can be absolutely certain that it is powerful to drive the devil right out. Why don't you practice it from today?

那么，撒但为什么如此憎恨我们赞美神？诗篇的 8 章告诉我们，那是因为这样它就失去了对你的控制。那些口头上空洞的赞美，不是来圣洁生命的，不是来自诚挚内心的，会使撒但对你有巨大的控制力。

你们都读到过以色列人是如何拜金牛犊，并且他们称呼那金牛犊为“耶和华”，对那个“耶和华”欢呼，声音大到让摩西和约书亚在很远以外就听到，可那欢呼并非真的赞美。那呼声是空洞虚伪的。在那些以色列人里充斥着不道德，类似的事情今天也仍在发生。人们可以大声赞美“上帝”，赞美“主耶稣”，可是里面却充斥着不道德。只有当那赞美真的来自诚挚的心，你才能确定那具有驱赶魔鬼的力量。你何不今天就开始试试呢？