

# Praise and Worship

## A Spring of Life

Christ is not to be hid away in the heart as a coveted treasure, sacred and sweet, to be enjoyed solely by the possessor. *We are to have Christ in us as a well of water, springing up into everlasting life, refreshing all who come in contact with us* (White, *Ministry of Healing* 496).

As Jesus passed through the towns and cities He was like a vital current, diffusing life and joy wherever He went (White, *Desire of Ages* 350).

## Jesus has Ultimate Power

In the throng were men of strong mind and firm determination; but the kingly bearing of Jesus, and *His few quiet words of command*, quell the tumult, and frustrate their designs. They recognize in Him a power above all earthly authority, and without a question they submit (White, *Desire of Ages* 379).

Christ was offered short cut routes when in the wilderness ... But He chose to believe and trust God, even though it was by the way of the cross. And He received from His Father ALL POWER in heaven and in earth. *Jesus revealed no qualities, and exercised no power, that men may not have through faith in Him. We may have the same if we will be in subjection to God as He was* (White, *Desire of Ages* 644).

## Praise: A Way of Life

The only sane response to life is to praise. When we worship God in praise and thanksgiving, we live above earthly circumstances (Author Unknown).

When the light of Christ is shining in the soul, the lips will be filled with praise and thanksgiving to God (*Ministry of Healing* 80). It is as we give ourselves to God for the service of humanity that He gives Himself to us (White, *Ministry of Healing* 81).

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God (Psalm 42:5).

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs (Psalms 100: 1-2).

## **Bringing Glory to God**

By their good works, Christ' followers are to bring glory, no to themselves, but to Him through whose grace and power they have wrought. *It is through the Holy Spirit that every good work is accomplished, and the Spirit is given to glorify, not the receiver, but the Giver* (White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing* 80).

If we will we may turn away from all that is cheap and inferior, and rise to a high standard; we may be respected by men and beloved of God (*Ministry of Healing* 491).

## **We Are Too Sparing on Thanks**

We need to praise God more "for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Psalm 107:8). Our devotional exercises should not consist wholly in asking and receiving. Let us not be always thinking of our wants and never of the benefits we receive. We do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of giving thanks. We are the constant recipients of God's mercies, and yet how little gratitude we express, how little we praise Him for what He has done for us (White, *Steps to Christ* 102).