

GOD'S MAGNIFICENT IDEA

Part XXXVI
2nd Chronicles 7:1-6

Introduction: The Hebrew *behallel* means praising with *machatsots e rim*, which means loud trumpets, and offering *bikhle-shir*, which means instruments of song, for Yahweh Almighty God. The Bible makes it unequivocally clear that God has a voracious, immense, capacious appetite for praise. Throughout eternity, God has been the recipient of prolific praise in the form of music or in word. His very nature deserves and thrives on acknowledgement and worship. The church has been myopic and derelict in teaching this important truth. The corresponding fact is that we, the creatures of God, have an insatiable need to worship. If it is not God, we find someone or something else to worship. We can conclude from this that to be in harmony with God necessitates man praising, worshiping, and acknowledging God. Otherwise, we are miserable because we cannot be fulfilled when we have been reticent in giving to our Creator what He requires and deserves.

I. God's magnificent idea

- A. The vow of praise. *Psalms 61:8*. David made an inviolable vow to God to daily praise Him.
 1. Have you ever wondered where David derived his faith to face Goliath? He apparently was the only one in the nation who had faith. The soldiers of the army of Israel were terrified, as were his brothers and King Saul. Where did this kind of faith come from?
 2. Out of the seven sons of Jesse, why did God choose his youngest and smallest son? *1st Samuel 16:11-13*.
 3. Right after Samuel anointed David, Saul the King was troubled by an evil spirit. *1st Samuel 16:14*. His servants talked Saul into bringing to him a skilled musician to play in hopes that the evil spirit would depart. The talent search for that skilled musician found that David fit the requirement. Even though he tended his father's sheep, he still had put in the effort to learn to play an instrument.
 4. In this case, praising God with music did spiritual warfare and drove the evil spirit out. *1st Samuel 16:23*.
 5. David alluded to how God does warfare on our behalf through praise. *Psalms 8:1-2*. He may have written this Psalm while a teenager. Praise stills the enemy, and it tells the devil to shut up. David was fully confident that his worshipful praise would drive out the evil spirit from King Saul.
 6. *Acts 13:22*. From this Scripture we not only find that David is special in God's eyes, but it also shows us where David developed the faith to face the 9 foot 6 inch Goliath who was menacing all of Israel. He knew that God wanted praise from His people, so David gave God what He wanted. This is the key to David's power. This is where David developed faith to face the minacious Goliath. The stronger the praise, the stronger the faith, and vice versa. Praise is the generator for powerful faith.
 7. Praise is like the trigger that releases an explosion of faith. Faith causes you to actively apply the Word of God.
 8. David was continually offering praise to God. *Psalms 61:8*. David apparently had made a vow that he would daily praise the Lord. Every day of his life was committed to praise, and that praise had built an incredible faith. His confrontation with Goliath was a demonstration of that faith.
 9. *1st Samuel 16:10*. For forty days Goliath thundered his defiance of Israel. David responded to the giant in *1st Samuel 17:45-46*. Even though David's older brothers attacked his faith, he was resolute in believing that God was with Israel and not with the Philistines.
 10. The next challenge of David's faith came from Goliath. When he saw David coming toward him, he was enraged. *1st Samuel 17:42-44*. David had a succinct answer for Goliath. Verses 45-48. Today we would say, "*Greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world.*"
 11. David's determinate faith was met by God's reply. *Verses 49-51*.

Conclusion: The Bible has taught us the lesson as to why David could face the giant and be unafraid. His relationship with God, involving intimate praise and worship, served as a catalyst in the building of the strong faith that David had. Praise and worship, singing and making melody unto the Lord, is the way to pleasing God and gaining His favor.