

JULY 12

“PRAISE USHERS US INTO GOD’S PRESENCE.”

READ

Psalm 22:1-5, Acts 16:25-34

In Psalm 22:3 and 4, notice these three words: praises, trusted, delivered. There is a sequence. When you, in spite of how bad it is, praise God anyway, it is a sign to heaven that you trust God. When you cannot touch Him, see Him, feel Him, or hear Him, praise is proof positive that you trust Him. God is so moved by your trust, that He delivers you. He breaks the chains. When you praise, there will be a manifestation of the presence of God in some way or another. Praise is the cure for being lonely, depressed, despondent, or defeated. When it feels like it is over, all you have to do is say: “You are Holy and I worship You. I praise You out of my pain. I praise You out of my emptiness. Even if You don’t respond, I am happy to praise You, anyway.” When you stop praising, you become confused and the devil will throw his best tactic at you. By praising, you can turn the tables on him. Praise confuses the enemy. As we praise, angels start moving around, and God the Father sits up and listens. Praise ushers us into God’s presence.

PRAY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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