

Worship Seminar – Session 2 (Sat, 14 Jan 2006)

Praise Brings Gods Blessings

PRAISE IS LIKENED TO THE RAIN CYCLE

There are many places in Scripture where praise is likened to the water cycle. This cycle is unending, a continuous cycle flowing from one to the other.

- Water on earth evaporates
- Forms clouds in the air
- Rains back to earth

Praise is to be just as unending. We give praises to God and our praise brings:

- *Blessings*]
- *Victory*] Amos 5:8 ;Amos 9:6
- *Growth*]

God Pours out Blessings - Job 36:27,28; Hosea 6:3; Isaiah 45:8

Praises Go Up Blessings Come Down

As we send praises to God, He turns them to blessings to' rain back on us.

Proverbs 11:25; Psalms 67:5,6; Psalms 147:7,8; Zechariah 10:1

Unending Cycle - James 5:7

BENEFITS OF PRAISE

Releases God To Act - Acts 16:25,26

Earth Yields Increase - Psalms 67:5,6

Victory Comes - 2Chronicles 20:21,22

Brings Health - Proverbs 17:22

Brings Peace - Isaiah 60:18

Changes Us - 2 Corinthians 3:11,18 ; 1 John 3:1,2

REJOICING IN THE LORD

A Sad Face - Nehemiah 2:1.2

To come into the Presence of God with an unhappy expression is to indicate that we are unhappy with the things He has:

- *Given us*
- *Done for us*
- *Provided for us*
- *Planned for us*

Commanded to Rejoice -Deuteronomy 12:7,11,12; 1 Chronicles 16:10; Psalm 33:1; Luke 1:46,47; Philippians 4:4

Joy and Rejoicing Come - Jeremiah 15:16

After Seed Is Sown - Isaiah 55:10-12

Stop Satan with Joy - Mark 4:4,14-17

Joy Produces Fruit - John 15:10,11; Hebrews 10:32-34; 1 Peter 4:12; Matthew 5:11,12; John 16:22

Joy Brings Strength - Nehemiah 8:10

Joy Overcomes Evil One - 1 John 2:13,14

Joy Brings Restoration - Jeremiah 33:9-11

Mast Repay Sevenfold - John 10:10; Proverbs 6:30,31

Let's Start Rejoicing Right Now!

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. Describe how praise is similar to the hydrological cycle.
2. List two benefits of praise.
3. Name two things that "joy in the Lord" can do.