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Mighty Prevailing Prayer: Experiencing the Power of Answered Prayer

28. The Dynamic of Praise

This chapter argues that praise is not just worship but a working part of prevailing prayer. It lists five things praise does in the life of prayer, backed by scripture and stories from Francke, a revival pastor, and the author's own mission field.

Key takeaways

- Praise focuses the whole heart on God, so He looms larger than any problem we bring to Him.
- Praise clears out cares, fears, and distractions, shutting us in alone with God.
- Praise builds faith by reminding us of who God is and what He has already done.
- Praise invokes God's presence, power, and angelic help; God is enthroned in the praise of His people.
- Praise routs Satan and can win battles that ordinary petition does not.

Passages worth keeping

“There is power in praise which prayer does not have... the highest expression of faith is... prayer in its sublimest expression of praise.”

Sums up the chapter's central claim that praise outreaches petition.

How it connects

The author ties praise to spiritual warfare: as Israel routed enemies by praise, a demon-possessed girl was freed the moment 'Praise the Lord' was spoken over her.

Scripture referenced

- **Eph. 1:5-6, 14** -- We are predestined to live to God's praise.
- **Ps. 100:4** -- Enter His presence with praise.
- **Rom. 8:31** -- If God is for us, praise cuts the enemy down to size.
- **2 Kings 6:16** -- God's forces with us outnumber all who oppose.
- **Heb. 1:14** -- Angels minister to us, never more than in prevailing prayer.