

Seasons With Attitude

A long time ago, while visiting a friend's church, I heard a saying that caught my attention. **God lives in Praises.** At that time, I could not understand the idea, but over the years I have come to realize its depth and mystical meaning. Praise holds the key to all our good, coaxing, as it were, our good from the heart of Being (God). The key to this is a realization that part of the very nature of God is praise-energy. Years later, I read in Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore's writing,

It [praise] is one of the avenues through which spirituality expresses itself. Through an inherent law of mind, we increase whatever we praise. The whole creation responds to praise, and is glad.

"Divine praises" is at the heart of ancient Hebrew Worship, as reflected in the Psalms attributed to King David. Songs and chants of praise were the heart of early Christian and other tribal worships. In our everyday life, when we consciously or spontaneously raise our voices in song, we enter a vibration-energy that changes our nervous system and body structure, and we are lifted to what feels like an ethereal state of being. The key to understanding this is a realization that in our being, the physical and the spiritual are two sides of the same coin. I have personally witnessed tribal rituals of drumming, singing and praising that resulted in so-called incurable diseases, like advanced stage of cancer, being cured. The key insight here is an understanding that "God lives in praises." It is a realization that praise is part of the structural-energy of God of our being. However, we miss the heart of the matter when we think it is all about chants and drumming without relating them to the nature of reality itself.

As we approach this season when we are told our attitude is to be of thankfulness, let us realize that it is a bit infantile to give thanks solely for the things we have. Attitudes can portray a negative behavior pattern, and mask insecurity or superficiality. Alternatively, a right attitude can be the key that ushers in success and miracles.

In thinking about the Seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, I came to the realization that Thanksgiving has to be more than being thankful for what we have or have received. It has to do with understanding the nature and structure of reality itself, and the nature of the Being we call God. It flashed in my mind that God has an attitude as part of Divine nature and predisposition. Imbedded in the very nature and structure of things is God's attitude of gratitude. This saying may sound like an abstraction, but it is a practical key to miracles and manifestation of health and prosperity.

Gratitude for what we have received is a low energy form, though it is better than nothing. The access to all that God is pouring out through and into us requires that we give thanks — without reason or season. The bigger fruits and miracles are available at this higher energy

level. Ancient Hebrews knew this as reflected in their scripture and saying, “make a joyful noise to God.” Primitive cultures intuitively knew it and always sang songs of praise.

Years ago I heard a story of a young orphaned girl who was very badly treated by her step-parents. She was over-worked, made to clean and wash all day and received only worn-out, hand-me-down clothing. However, instead of being bitter, sad and jealous of her siblings she had a song in her heart and lips all day as she worked. Her song was entitled, **Alleluia, Anyhow**. She would say and sing, “Nothing can get me down; No matter what happens, I will sing ‘Alleluia, Anyhow!’”

So, dear friends, Thanksgiving is an attitude of being. No matter how things are going with us, we’ll remember to sing “Alleluia, Anyhow!” It will lead you to miraculous demonstrations.

Happy Thanksgiving!
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