

# It's Not About Me

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**<sup>9</sup> Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!’**

**<sup>10</sup> Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”**

# The People Praised for the Wrong Reasons

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**They praised with their expectations.**

**They praised with their agenda.**

**They praised because they wanted to maybe see a great miracle.**

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**Praise is expressing to God our appreciation and understanding of His worth.**

**It is always about God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit; it is never about us.**

# Acts 5:40-41

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<sup>40</sup> And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

# Why Does the Devil Want to Stop Our Praise of Jesus?

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**1. To remove Jesus' lordship from our lives.**

# Psalm 95:1-7

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Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord *is* the great God, and the great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also. <sup>5</sup> The sea *is* His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry *land*. <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. <sup>7</sup> For He *is* our God, and we *are* the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

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2. To dull our love of Jesus

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**3. To remove the joy in our lives**

**Praise is celebratory.**

**Psalm 33:3 – Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.**

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**Our salvation is worth celebrating and even embarrassing ourselves over, just ask David.**

**Hosea 14:1-2 - O Israel, return to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity; <sup>2</sup> Take words with you, and return to the Lord. Say to Him, “Take away all iniquity; Receive *us* graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.**

# Psalm 107:21-22

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**<sup>21</sup>Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness, and *for* His wonderful works to the children of men! <sup>22</sup>Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.**

**With no joy in our lives, where is our strength? (Nehemiah 8:10)**

# There Will Always be Praise for Jesus

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Luke 19:39-40 - <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” <sup>40</sup>But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

# Revelation 4:9-11

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<sup>9</sup> Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: <sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

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**1 Peter 2:9-10 - <sup>9</sup>But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup>who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.**

**Psalm 40:3 - He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord. (NLT)**