

The Protest/Praise Process

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The Weapon that Conquers All - Praise*

Let the high praise of God be in their mouths and a double edged sword in their hands.

Psalm 149:6

The Blessings

Life Triumphant

To Joyfully Endure the Cycles of Battle and Blessing and Increasingly Become More Satisfied with Christ and More Significant for Others

The Battles

Conformed To Christ's Character

3. **The Fragrance** of His Life — II Cor. 2:14
2. **The Faithfulness** of His Heart — Luke 23:34
1. **The Force** of His Mind — Phil. 2:5



So that I can reflect ...

3. Because the Father will Use it! — Rom. 8:28-29, II Cor. 12:7-10
2. Because the Father can Handle it! — Rom. 11:32-36, Jer. 32:17, 26-27
1. Because the Father has Allowed it! — Rom. 15:1-5, I Pet. 4:12,19



Why can I praise?

Result of Yielding to Christ's Wisdom
Rom.6:8-14



Praise

One Right Response
Ps. 8; 22:22; 103; Heb. 13:15; I Peter 2:9

What is your choice?



Protest

Four Wrong Responses

Is. 57:20-21; Eph. 4:29-30, 32

1. Defend Yourself
2. Blame Others
3. Become Bitter
4. Quit or Give Up



Results of **JUDGING** by Your **Wisdom**

Matt. 7:1-6; I Cor. 4:1-5



You Trust God and Faith Walk



You Play God and Sight Walk

Praise—is the only real proof to yourself, others and the Savior you truly believe He is more powerful than your problems. Only a life of praise will keep your life in orbit around the purposes and pleasures of the Father! Let your ⁽¹⁾Joy turn to ⁽²⁾Praise and your praise turn into ⁽³⁾High Praise!! Using Christ's "DOUBLE EDGED SWORD" cuts down the idols of good and bad, success and defeat, comfort or suffering, winning or losing and frees you to live in His higher Presence and Purpose! This strategy alone radiates the LIGHT of the Christ Life! (Ps. 149). Only in this one verse does the term "High Praise" appear in the Hebrew of the Old Testament (see VFC Resource # 22: "Living in High Praise").

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