

Who Can?

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- * WE CAN!!!

The Psalmist examples a Praise to us

- * He opens this Psalm with the word PRAISE

Praise

Hebrew Word *llh* [*haw-lal'*]

Meaning: To shine – To shine of Gods Favor - To boast, make a boast - to be praised, be made praiseworthy, be commended, be worth

The Psalmist starts out with Praise – but *more than a Word but a To DO!*

Praise = Simply an Action – A Reaction – A Testimony

- * Praise – Shine – To Shine of Gods Favor
- * Praise - To Boast – To make a Boast
- * Boast meaning to talk with excessive pride
- * Excessive meaning more than normal – more than desirable – means Surpasses!

I hope by now that you are coming to the realization of the emphasis I am making on this one Word that the Psalmist begins with the Word is Praise – Hey, its okay Praise is an Action Word!

Genesis 29:35

“And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, **Now** will I **praise** the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing”

Lets take a look for a moment at a Judah Praise

- * We find in [Genesis 29](#) that a woman by the name of Leah was hated, and the Lord opened her womb
- * We find in [Genesis 29](#) that a woman by the name of Rachel had a barren womb

Leah and Rachel were in a mess of a family

[Genesis 29:31](#) (KJV)

“31 And when the Lord saw that Leah [“weary”] was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren”

- * **Weary** conceived / **Birthed** only by the hand of the Lord!

A Christian home can have a weak link, a weak member within it

- * That link, that member, can cause a great deal of tension, disturbance, pain, and hurt.

Jacob's home was filled with tension because Jacob had been weak, spiritually weak

- * He lacked courage enough to stand up to Laban and refuse to marry Leah
- * He did not love Leah; he loved Rachel
- * And he had made this perfectly clear from the start
([Genesis 29:18-20](#))

Instead of rebuking Laban and insisting on the right thing, he gave in to worldliness, to the custom of the land which was the sin of bigamy

- * *This weakness of Jacob was the root cause of the unbearable tension within his family,* a tension that was to exist down through the years with his family.
- * **“Generational Tension”**
- * Anybody understand what I am talking about?

3.

This weakness of Jacob was the root cause

This weakness became sin and allowed Generational Tension

There was the tension...

• **Between Rachel and Leah**

(Genesis 29:30-31, 33; Genesis 30:1-2, 9, 14-15)

• **Between Joseph and his brothers**

(Genesis 37:3-4, 8, 11, 18-28)

• **Between Jacob himself and his sons**

(Genesis 34:30-31; Genesis 37:31-35)

A believer's home can be filled with tension

* Does not make it right nor is it suppose to be that way but never-the-less many a Christians Homes are filled with tension

* Just because a person is a believer does not guarantee a tension-free home

* The sins that crept into Jacob's home are the sins that often disturb the homes of believers

But God is able to overrule the tension, to bring peace and blessing to the family, if the family will only turn to Him!

Genesis 29:31 (KJV)

“31 And when the Lord saw that Leah [“weary”] was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren”

* God saw the pain and hurt that Leah was suffering, and He cared for her

God overruled

* Leah “Weary” - turned to the Lord for help

4.

God saw Leah [Weary], He opened her womb, and she bore four sons in rapid succession

Genesis 29:32 (KJV)

“And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me”

- * She bore **Reuben**, which means *“See, a son”* - *“This is a sign”*
- * Note what she said about the baby's birth: the LORD had seen her suffering and met her need, and she would now be able to please Jacob by giving him a son -
- * Surely Jacob would love her because of the son
- * She cries out *“The Lord has surely looked upon my affliction – my husband will now love me”*

Genesis 29:33 (KJV)

“33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon”

- * She bore **Simeon**, which means *“hearing”* – *“God Heard”*
- * Why this name? She cries out, *“the Lord has heard I am unloved”*
- * Because *she had been praying* about Jacob's neglect and rejection and *the LORD heard her prayer*

Genesis 29:34 (KJV)

“34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi”

- * She bore **Levi**, which means *“attached”*
- * She now felt sure that her husband would become more attached to her

“Weary” conceived

“See a Son” “This is a sign” - “attention

“God Heard” - [answered prayer]

“Attached” “Connected” - to me is my husband or my love

Genesis 29:35 (KJV)

“35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing”

* Leah “Weary” bore Judah, which means “praise”

Why this name?

* Probably because Jacob had begun to give her more attention than before she had before – But Leah had to conceive – she birthed this

I think that Leah had learned not to focus upon her husband, but on the LORD

* That is, she was no longer trying to win Jacob's love by bearing children; rather, she was just praising God for giving her children

The focus was no longer upon her problem, but upon the Lord

* She was simply praising God for who He was and for what He had done.

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Judah - “Praise” – But not just Praise – But “PRAISE GOD”

You see out of a mess up family the “Weary” found the favor of the Lord!

Through each birthing the Lord was revealed to Weary

6.

I have news for someone right now

In your Weary setting God is about to open you up to birth a God thing

- * In a messed up situation
- * In a messed up relationship
- * In a messed up marriage
- * In a messed up family

In your Weary Setting Praise is about to settle in!

You are about to be used to settle a mess and birth some praise!

Genesis 29:35..b (KJV)

35 ...and she said Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing”

*** NOW I WILL PRAISE THE LORD**

And she named what she conceived JUDAH

*** JUDAH - "praised" - the territory occupied by the tribe of Judah**

And with that being settled the Bible tells us that she left bearing

The message translation says:

Genesis 29:35 [MSG]

“She became pregnant a final time and had a fourth son. She said, "This time I'll praise God." So she named him Judah (Praise-God)...”

- * Four being the number for earth, creation, world
- * Judah meaning – “Praise” – Meaning the TERRITORY occupied by the tribe of Judah
- * THIS TIME - THIS TERRITORY– I WILL PRAISE THE LORD!

You see all of creation sings – Glory to the King!

7.

Matthew 1: 2

“Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah [KJ translation says - Jacob begat Judas – meaning Judah] and his brothers”

Out of a mess up situation – out of hatred – God put his hand on Barrenness and a Praise came forth!

“Weary” conceived

Reuben - “See a Son” “This is a sign” – Pay Attention

Simeon - “God- Heard” [answered prayer]

Levi - “Attached” “Connected” – I am joined with the one I love

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Somebody just receive this word this morning – God is about to touch your messed up situation!

* You may not think the Lord is moving but you are about to birth a sign – attention is about to come forth

* You may not think the Lord is hearing you – but supernatural heavenly answers are coming forth

* You may not feel like any one cares but you are about to connect up – your heavenly hook-up is about to set in

* You may not feel it right now but oh just take a moment to practice by faith cause your God is about to birth a Praise in you!

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* Who can?

* WE CAN!!! WE Can Praise the LORD!

Who is the Psalmist praising?

The Lord - Jah (Jehovah in the shortened form) the proper name of the one true God

- * “Praise ye the Lord!”
- * Who can Praise the One True God?
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The Psalmist examples a Thank You to us

- * Who is he thanking?
- * He is giving thanks to the Lord!
- * Why?
- * For He is GOOD!
- * His MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER!

Thanks

Hebrew: hdy [Yadah]

Means to: to throw, shoot, cast – it means to give thanks laud, praise – it means to confess, confess (the name of God)

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- * **Utter** means a verbal response
- * Utter means to speak: to say
- * Now we are finding a experience to our knowledge
- * Now we are seeing a taste of the Lord and you will see
- * Now we are seeing by word study a reasonable and expected response

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“3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times”

Psalm 106: 4-12

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with You Salvation.

5 That I may see the benefit of Your Chosen ones. That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise”

* The deliverance of the Lord came forth the He might make His mighty power known

* The Lord saved them from those who HATED them – there is that word hate.

* From that deliverance came a PRAISE – A SANG PRAISE –
UTTERED FORTH!

10.

Psalm 106: 13-15

**13 They soon forgot His works; They DID NOT WAIT for His counsel,
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert,
15 And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul”**

Sometimes we come to the Lord and insist that we know best and that we really need something

That type of wanting sometimes comes with a price

You see when we insist on wanting something that God in His infinite Wisdom is withholding because He really knows best – sometimes He steps back out of the way and says, Ok have it your way.

Can I tell you today that there are far too many in the family of God are walking around with a leanness in their soul

I see it everyday – many are allowing their wants to interfere

*** While they *travelled to* Canaan [Promise], the people often made God angry**

But God still loved them!

*** After they passed the Sea of Reeds, the people of Israel [God Prevails] came to the desert**

Wilderness is another word for desert

*** There was no food there for them**

*** You see when we are travelling to – moving toward Gods Promise we must make sure our foot steps are ordered by God**

*** When we are traveling to – moving forward toward Gods Promise we must make sure we are hand in hand with the Master and His plan**

*** You see moving to – moving toward The promise of God you have to cross over – they crossed a Red Sea – the Sea of Reeds – they crossed over**

11.

Psalm 106:15 [King James Version]

“15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul”

Who Can? The Scriptures Goes on to say:

- * So, God gave them manna
- * Manna is as dry sweet bread

Later, they wanted fresh food as they had eaten in Egypt. They wanted meat and vegetables, not just dry manna

So they tested God - Psalm 106:13-15

- * This means that they asked him to show them that he was God.
- * It was as if they gave God an exam!

So, God gave them what they wanted

- * But then he sent a plague and many of them died [The story is in Numbers 11]

Conclusion

Don't allow your “Weariness” to destroy your faith in the Lord

Don't get distracted by what you think is only simply manna – manna is Heavenly Food

Don't forget His Works

Don't Test the Lord and begin to seek and ask for things that God has said not too

There is Victory in “Weariness!”

- * You Can – Praise the Lord
- * You can establish JUDAH in the Territory you are living
- * God can and will clean up the Mess!