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THE POWER OF PRAISE IN PRAYER.

We all like to be praised, the problems come when we look for it. The difference with God He seeks our praise” We do not always respond with prayerful praise to Him. When trials suddenly appear, we don’t always think of praise until we realize no one else can do what God does. You can praise God too little, but you can never praise Him too much. David prays, “Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forever more. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. *“Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous Laws” Psalm 119:164.* David, certainly gives us a good lesson on the One who deserves all the praise. When we are overwhelmed by circumstances, the last thing you feel like doing is praising God. But it is the **first** thing we should do because praise gets the attention off ourselves and on to God’s amazing power. Look carefully at **2 Chronicles 20**, Jehoshaphat faced such a vast army at first, he admitted honestly to God, *“I don’t know what to do” (v 12) - “but our eyes are upon you”.* *Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel a Levite who spoke to all God’s assembled people, “This is what the Lord says to you: do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not ours, but God’s. Go out and face them tomorrow and the Lord will be with you”.* **Verse 19** tells of some Levites who stood up and praised the Lord with a very loud voice, and Jehoshaphat did the same **(20-21)**, he watched his enemies destroy each other. When Paul and Silas praised God in prison, their chains broke and the doors of the prison flew open. Most of us focus on our problem, and forget to praise God, but faithful prayer and praise solves problems. When our fears – and our human efforts to find security – are bought into the open, what once terrified us can seem so silly when we renew a deep trust in God. Peter writes, *“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed” (1 Peter 1:6-7).* This simply means that God will reward every instance of your faith that stood the test. He will praise those who are joyful though surrounded by trouble. He will award honour and glory to tried and suffering believers who are able to accept their tribulations as a vote of confidence in Him. Such tests must come to all the true children of God, they winnow the chaff from the wheat. The Christian’s joy is not dependent on earthly circumstances but on the risen exalted Christ at God’s right hand. Start to acknowledge the power of praise in prayer and choose to exalt God regardless how you feel. Praise brings you into God’s presence and positions you for His favour and blessing as Jehoshaphat, Paul and Silas found out. That same awesome power is available if our focus is on praising God in prayer not on circumstances like thinking no one will listen to our message, they certainly listened when they heard the crowd praising God in **Acts 2:47**- the Lord added to their number, are you now convinced by the power of praise during prayer?

John Shepherd,

ROSTERS:

TODAY:

Prayer/Lord’s
Supper:

Simon

Song Leader:

Titus

Lesson &
Discussion
Group:

Warwick

Greeter:

Richard

Morning Tea:

Simon & Sinai

Counting

Contribution:

Richard & Judith

NEXT WEEK

29 March 2020

Prayer/Lord’s
Supper:

Richard

Song Leader:

Raymond

Lesson &
Discussion
Group:

Peter

Greeter:

Kathy

Morning Tea:

Richard & Kathy

Counting

Contribution:

Richard & Marguerite

Let Us Pray For:

- Those with health issues: Moira, Michael, Sally, Marie, John, Rosalie, Les, Norman, Judy Bannister and Judy Martin.
- Personal growth and outreach opportunities.
- The men as they lead the body.
- Our Missionary workers in Fiji and Vanuatu.
- The Coronavirus (COVID 19) as it spreads around the world. It is now in New Zealand. May we all take proper precautions and not cause harm to anyone else. Marie is in lock down and is only allowed selected members of family to visit until further notice.
- 2020 will bring the truth to all those searching and even those who are not aware.



Meeting times.

Prayers: Wednesday 10am

Worship: Sunday - 10.30am

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OUR MISSION
To guide people into
growing, healthy
relationships with
God

How many words of four or more letters and use the letter "A" can you find. The nine letter word is from today article on the front page. What is that word?

B	S	E
M	A	L
E	S	D

Jig Saw word finder: Use the missing words from the Bible Scripture to complete the word finder. The first one is done for you

H	R	I	S	B	E	R	O	N
C	T	R	T	H	E	R	H	O
E	H	O	F	T	F	S	R	O
S	I	W	A	I	F	U	Y	L
R	A	E	P	E	T	I	K	G
P	G	C	R	R	E	N	D	S
E	E	I	E	P	E	R	I	E
N	N	O	J	S	E	H	S	L
I	U	U	O	Y	L	I	T	T

THE FIRST BOOK IS DONE FOR YOU:

Complete the following Bible Scripture and then find the missing words in the wordfinder

"In this you greatly _____ though now for a _____ while _____ may have to _____ grief in all _____ of trials. These have come so that your _____ of greater _____ than gold, which _____ even though refined by fire – may _____ proved _____ and may result in _____, _____ and _____ when Jesus _____ is revealed"

(1 _____ 1:6-7)

Diary for this week:

A big welcome to everyone, Especially Warwick who is bringing us the Lesson and discussion group. **Morning Tea at 10am** followed by **Children's Singing at 10.15am** and **Worship at 10.30am**. Questions, answers and discussion time will follow Worship.

Coins for Christ are for Vanuatu

Contribution: \$293.00

Vanuatu: \$ 11.60

Coming Events:

Sat 28: Games and Quiz afternoon starting at 3pm and finishing with Pizza and salad. ~~POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER EASTER~~ Everyone is welcome and bring a friend or friends. It will be held here at the building.

Singing on the 8th of April at Summerset has been postponed until further notice.



*John and Anne
celebrate
28 yrs on
Saturday (28th)
Have a great day.*

Please take care over the next period of time, we now have the virus in Hawkes Bay, this does not mean we have to rush in and buy up all the food in the supermarket. We need to pray, look out for our brothers and sisters and neighbours and if we cannot visit, we can still ring them or write encouraging letters.

How many words of four or more letters and use the letter “?” can you find. The twelve letter word is from today article on the front page. What is that word? “ASSEMBLED”

Jig Saw word finder: Use the missing words from the Bible Scripture to complete the word finder. The first one is done for you

ANSWER SHEET

H	R	I	S	B	E	R	O	N
C	T	R	T	H	E	R	H	O
E	H	O	F	T	F	S	R	O
S	I	W	A	I	F	U	Y	L
R	A	E	P	E	T	I	K	G
P	G	C	R	R	E	N	D	S
E	E	I	E	P	E	R	I	E
N	N	O	J	S	E	H	S	L
I	U	U	O	Y	L	I	T	T

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PETER, REJOICE, LITTLE, SUFFER, KINDS, FAITH, WORTH, PERISHES, BE, CHRIST, GENUINE, PRAISE, GLORY HONOR, YOU.