

Psalm 24:7-8 (NIV) "Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

4. YOUR PRAISE DECLARES WHAT YOU _____ ABOUT GOD

When we praise God, it is powerful to quote Scripture.

Psalm 118:25-26 (NIV) "Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

A few days later, Jesus was arrested on Passover and confirmed to Pilate that he is king.

John 18:36-37 (NIV) "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place. 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate. Jesus answered, 'You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'"

Philippians 2:8-11 (NIV) "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father."

Is Jesus Christ King in your life?



PRAISE THAT OPENS DOORS & SHUTS DOORS

MATTHEW 21:1-11 (NIV)

JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM AS KING

"As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.'

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
*'Say to the Daughter of Zion, See, your king comes to you,
Gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!'
'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'
'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

KEYS TO PRAISE THAT OPENS & SHUTS DOORS:

"STIRRED" = _____

MATTHEW 21:12-17 (NIV) JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

"Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

'It is written,' he said to them, 'my house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, *'Hosanna to the Son of David,'* they were indignant.

Do you hear what these children are saying?' they asked him.

'Yes,' replied Jesus, 'have you never read, *'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?*

And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night."

1. YOU WERE _____ TO PRAISE GOD

Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."

Jesus said in Matthew 21:16, "Have you never read... 'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?"

Matthew 6:9 (GNT) "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honored.'"

Luke's Gospel of Palm Sunday has Jesus speaking about the importance of praise:

Luke 19:39-40 (NIV) "Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!' 'I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'"

2. YOUR PRAISE OPENS THE DOOR TO GOD'S

Psalm 100:4-5 (NIV) "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations."

3. YOUR PRAISE _____ THE DOOR TO THE ENEMY

In Matthew 21:16, Jesus was quoting Psalm 8:2. Jesus did not finish the whole verse, but his listeners would have been familiar with the verse and its meaning.

Psalm 8:2 "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."

John 12:19 (NIV) "So, the Pharisees said to one another, 'See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!'"