

In Luke 10:17-24 we find the disciples of Jesus coming back from a world changing campaign of healing and announcing The Kingdom of God and, as they reported, “**even the demons are subject to us in Your Name.**” They had triumphed over all the power of the enemy in such a way that, except for Jesus Himself, had never been seen before. IN that moment, after *agaliao*, “jumping for joy” in The Holy Spirit, Jesus made a curious statement. “**I thank You Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and learned and have revealed them to *nepios*; because this was deemed right and proper before you.**” (Enhanced version)

Now, I didn't translate *nepios* for a reason. The word is usually translated “child” or “babe”, but it literally means “not speaking”. The figurative meaning would be “simple minded” or “immature”, even just not trained to speak. Do you see where I'm going here? The disciples were new to this kind of thing, they were not “trained to speak”. It was the first campaign for most of the 70, no one even knows their names. But look what happened! They triumphed over the power of the enemy with the authority of Jesus Name because they simply did what He said! And so can we! So what does that have to do with the “praise” that we talked about yesterday?

Well, let's go back and look at Ps 8:2, out from the Septuagint (because that's what Matthew was quoting from in Mt 21:16), and see if we don't come across something familiar. “**Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have *fine turned praise to God* because of Your enemies, that you might *remove from power or depose the enemy and the one coming after you.***” (Enhanced version) The words in italics are words that we spent time digging down into yesterday. But one that we didn't look at was “babes”.

Yep! You guessed it! *Nepios*! It's the same word that Jesus used when talking to the Father about His guys! The picture of the disciples on campaign and the picture of the children in the temple are the same. And the picture was painted clearly @1000 years before when David wrote his song. Is that cool or what! And just like the disciples, untrained or unlearned as they were, had complete victory over the power of the enemy, so can we, simply doing what it says. We can enter into His presence with singing, His gates with gratitude and His courts with praise! And think about “the avenger”, “*the one coming after you*”.

Peter said that, “**your adversary, the devil, prowls about as a roaring lion seeking whom to devour.**” (1Pe 5:8) What stops him? What removes His power? Fine tuned praise to God! And one of the most powerful ways to accomplish that is to come together with others to *humneo*, “celebrate God in song”. “**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.**” (Col 3:16) Yes!

And don't forget the power of the attitude of gratitude! “**Now thanks be to God, always leading us to triumph in Christ, and making manifest the fragrance of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.**” (2Cor 2:14) “Thanks” there is *charis*, it's grace, it's gratitude! “Giving thanks” is expressing gratitude! Let's finish this out from Ne 8:10.

“**„the joy of the LORD is your strength.**” The *chedvah*, “rejoicing” in The LORD is your *mauz*, “fortified position”. Rejoicing in Him puts you in a fortified position! Now let's look at this picture.

Rejoicing, singing to God with one another in fine tuned praise with gratitude puts you into a fortified position where the power flows and the enemy is deposed! Hallelujah! This WORD painted a picture of, “an attitude of gratitude with the power of praise!” YES!!

Love never fails!

