

Hallelujah Living – Praise is a Choice

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[Philippians 4:4-13](#)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Hallelujah Living means...

1. PRAISE IS A CHOICE

v. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.

[2 Cor 10:5](#)

Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Hallelujah Living means...

2. PRAISE IS LEARNED

v. 11 ... I HAVE LEARNED to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.

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[1 Peter 1:3-7](#)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, 5 ... 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 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 honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Hallelujah Living means...

3. PRAISE IS ESSENTIAL

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

CONCLUSION:

40 DAYS OF PRAISE

Today's verse:

- DAY 5 (Mar 16)

[Psalms 8:1](#)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!