



The Power of Praise I Am Redeemed

I. Mercy Received

Luke 15:10-32 (NIV®)

I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV®)

Jesus told this parable:

¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' ¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' ¹⁴ "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

II. Extraordinary Gifts

I have been justified through faith

Romans 5:1 (NIV®)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

I am free from condemnation and delivered from the law of sin and death

Romans 8:1-2 (NIV®)

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

I have the mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:16 (NIV®)

¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But **we have the mind of Christ.**

I have been made righteous

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV®)

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

I am a new creation

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV®)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

I am forgiven and redeemed from an empty way of life

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV®)

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

I may approach God with freedom and confidence

Ephesians 3:12 (NIV®)

¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

I have been rescued from the dominion of darkness

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV®)

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

I have been given a spirit of power, love and self-discipline

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV®)

⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

I have been given a spirit of wisdom and revelation that I may know God better

Ephesians 1:16-17 (NIV®)

¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

I have a living hope, secured by Jesus

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NIV®)

¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for all You have done for me. Your grace and mercy have delivered me from all my sins and set before me a living hope. Thank You for welcoming me into your family and enabling me to be a participant in Your eternal kingdom. I rejoice in your kindness and love which have been poured out upon my life, in Jesus name, amen.

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