

Sunday, November 7, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Praise is the Release of Holy Spirit Joy

Series: Ministry of Praise 4 Text: Philippians 4:1 - 9

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation to the Divine Truth that God gives humanity the ability to decide what they will fill their mind with and that those thoughts will find outward expression.

Introduction:

Last week's devotional was from Isaiah 12,
Praise is Founded in Divine Hope:

1. Promise of the Nation Restored
2. Promise of Salvation from Sin and Judgment
3. Promises to Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ

Conclusion from Zechariah 13:1 – 14:21

~ Genesis 1:26, "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.""

MY OPINION: one of the many things that separates humankind from the animal kingdom is the degree of rational, intellectual, and abstract thought at we are capable of in contrast to the rest of earthly creation.

~ Proverbs 23:7, "for he is like one who is inwardly calculating. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you."

~ Proverbs 23:7 (KJV), "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee."

~ Galatians 5:22 – 23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

1. Praise is in Response to Holy Spirit Unity:

~ Phil. 4:2, "I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord."

Unity is NOT conformity. See 1 Corinthians 12 and 14
~ Ephesians 4:1 – 3, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, (2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, (3) eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

~ Romans 16:17, "I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and created obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them."

~ 1 Corinthians 2:2, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

2. Praise is in Response to Holy Spirit Guided Thinking:

~ vs. 8, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true,"

~ John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.""

~ John 1:1 & 14, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

(14) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

~ vs. 8, "whatever is honorable,"

~ used 4 times in the scripture: here,
1 Timothy 3:8 (dignified), 1 Timothy 3:11 (dignified), Titus 2:2 (dignified)

~ Christian decorum and self-respect, "which is quite consistent with true humility, for it is reverence for the temple of God."

~ vs. 8, "whatever is just,"

~ Deuteronomy 32:4, "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

~ Psalm 89:14, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you."

~ vs. 8, "whatever is pure," ~ only used 8 times

~ 2 Corinthians 11, "For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ."

~ vs. 8, "whatever is lovely,"

~ Only use in the scripture; "from a presumed compound of G4314 and G5368; friendly towards, i.e. acceptable: - lovely (Matthew 8 Jesus with the leper)

~ vs. 8, "whatever is commendable,"

~ Only use in the scripture; "from G2095 and G5345; well spoken of, i.e. reputable: - of good report (Acts 10:22 regarding Cornelius)

~ vs. 9, "practice these things"

~ "The apostle implies that we have the power of governing our thought, and are responsible for them. If thoughts are ordered well, the outward life will follow." (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Conclusion:

Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."