

TOPIC: PRAISE

REFLECTIONS OF GOD'S GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Praise You in this Storm

Tonight on my way home from church, my most favorite Casting Crowns song played on the radio, "Praise You In This Storm." Tonight though, instead of singing with them at the top of my lungs like a nut (and the way you will normally find me riding, down the road), I really just listened to the words and let them pour over me. I thought about my friends who are going through storms right now—storms of cancer, storms of other sickness, storms of upcoming surgeries, storms of financial crises, and the list goes on and on. Can I just encourage you tonight to praise Him in your storm? I know it is hard to do ... it's hard for me to do too. I find that every time, though, when I can muster the strength and the courage to fight against everything telling me differently and praise Him through any storm I'm facing, that's when His peace just floods my soul.

Let the words of this beautiful song fill your heart—"And I'll praise You in this storm, and I will lift my hands." Sometimes that's so very hard. In the midst of my storm, I don't feel like lifting my hands, but if I can just lift them anyway. "For You are who You are, no matter where I am." God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Whatever point in life you find yourself, God is the same as He's always been. "And every tear I've cried, You hold in Your hand. You never left my side, and though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm." In His Word (**Hebrews 13:5 / Deuteronomy 31:6**), He says, "**I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.**" What a great and precious promise!

It also says in Psalm 22:3, "**But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.**" God lives among the praises of His people. No matter what storm is raging around you today, praise Him! Praise Him in the morning! Praise Him in the noontime! Praise Him in the evening! Praise Him! Praise Him!

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Hebrews 13:5 KJV)

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Deuteronomy 31:6 KJV)

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. (Psalm 22:3 KJV)

Song: Casting Crowns "Praise You In This Storm (click play button to listen)



DEVOTIONAL STUDY FORM

Date:

Scripture Passage:

Step 1: **Prayer for Insight**

(Check When Done)

Step 2: **Meditation**

Six ways to meditate on a verse:

1. **PICTURE IT!** Visualize the scene in your mind.
2. **PRONOUNCE IT!** Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a different word.
3. **PARAPHRASE IT!** Rewrite the verse in your own words.
4. **PERSONALIZE IT!** Replace the pronouns or people in the verse with your own name.
5. **PRAY IT!** Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God.
6. **PROBE IT!** Ask the following nine questions:

Step 3: **Application**

Is there a...

SIN TO CONFESS?

PROMISE TO KEEP?

ATTITUDE TO CHANGE?

COMMAND TO KEEP?

EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW?

PRAYER TO PRAY?

ERROR TO AVOID?

TRUTH TO BELIEVE?

SOMETHING TO THANK GOD FOR?

Step Four: **Memorization** (What verse will I memorize?)

Verse: