

Prevailing Through Praise



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Through the Psalms
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> From the lips of children and infants
> you have ordained praise
> because of your enemies,
> to silence the foe and the avenger.
> (Psalm 8:2)

Throughout the Book of Psalms David refers continually to his enemies. Few men had more enemies than David. Persistently they pursued him and surrounded him, seeking his destruction. He survived only because he learned the secret of dealing with his enemies. He did not meet them in his own power or wisdom. Rather, he invoked against them the presence and power of God.

One main way that he did this was through praise. This was the way God Himself ordained, for David says, "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise . . . to silence the foe and the avenger." In the natural order, children and infants are the weakest of all. But when praise comes from even the weakest, its effect is to silence the foe and the avenger.

The Bible reveals that we, too, like David, are surrounded by enemies, though ours are primarily in the unseen spiritual realm. The chief of these enemies is "the foe and the avenger" – Satan himself. He is the accuser of the brothers, the one who misrepresents us, who misinterprets everything we do, who even seeks to accuse us before the very throne of God.

How can we silence him? David has shown us the way: by praise. When our praise ascends to God, it silences Satan. It cancels his accusations and stops his mouth. It leaves us free to live out our lives without the continual condemnation of his accusations. Through praise we invoke the presence and power of our God against all the forces that oppose us.

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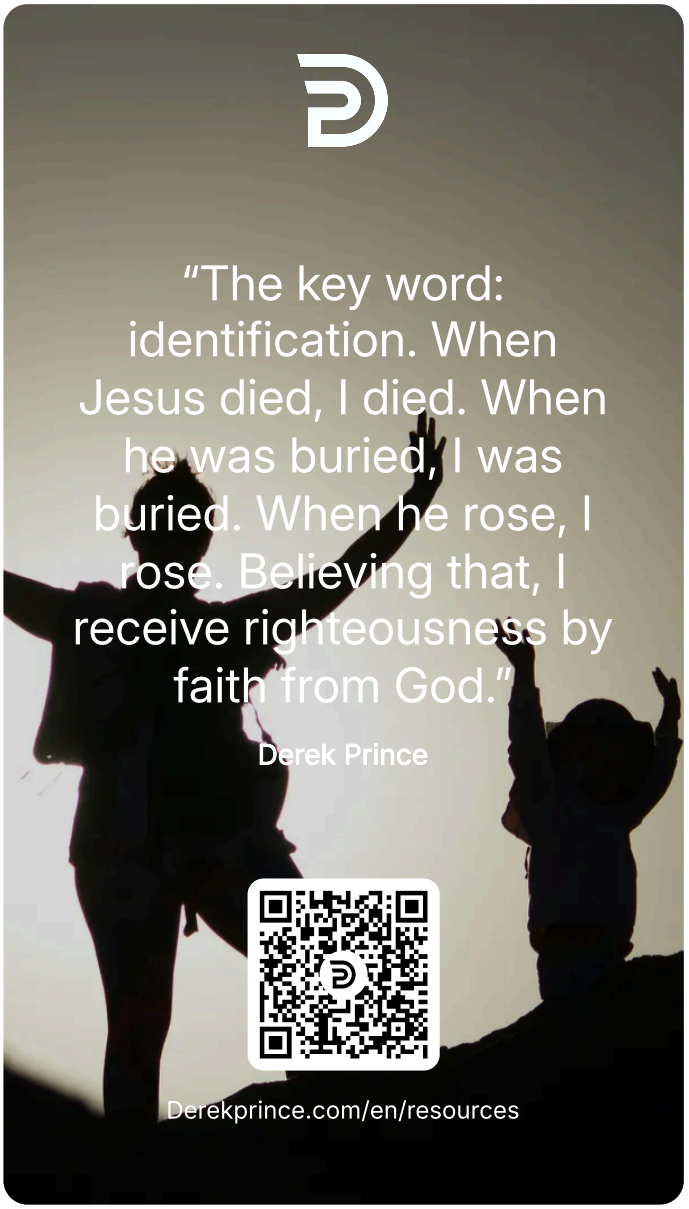

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