

Praise Reports

I asked my RDM Bible Study group to pray for me before a CT Scan ordered by the physician. The group did pray together. I got the CT Scan and all of the results were very good. I'm thanking the Lord that everything turned out as a praise report. God is not a respecter of persons, what He does for one He will do for others if we ask Him. Praising the Lord for this good result. P.D.



This past weekend was very special to me. There was an abundance of grace, peace, and resting for my body. It was totally supernatural from the Lord. His presence was thick and ever so near to me it felt as if I could touch it. It totally surrounded me. Such a great experience. Thank you Jesus. You draw nearer to us as we draw near to you. M.M.



I've been able to choose words out of the book of Proverbs in my quest for Godly wisdom. As I'm doing this, I look up the words in the dictionary. It is really shedding light on what the Lord is talking about in Proverbs. It is increasing my understanding which is a huge thing to me. My heart has been rejoicing over this the last few weeks. Thank you Lord for your goodness to me. L.H.



After being prayed over for my numb sensation in my fingers a few weeks ago, I'm now noticing that they are not as bad as they used to be and I know the Lord is working on this and will complete the healing. He is good and His mercies endure forever. It is now about another two weeks, I discovered all numbness is totally gone. Thank you Lord! S.D.



It has been quite a while since seeing my eye surgeon. I needed to go back for a test on the back of my eyes. I had the test and it showed my eyes were stable. This was exactly what my ophthalmologist was looking for so I wouldn't need any eye surgery. Praising the Lord for His kindness and mercies that are new every morning. Amen. P.D.



About six weeks ago we asked the Bible Study members to pray over a handkerchief so we could send it to a

family member who was dealing with two medical possibilities that were both dire. The Lord had given Ray a dream to send the cloth along with some Scripture verses. Many others in the body were also praying. God turned the persons probable diagnosis on it's head and the woman is now rejoicing in the Lord and looking forward to a full lifetime ahead of her. Prayer Works, we are praising God. It is always best to do as He instructs us. He is in charge of the outcome. Amen. R.D.



Praising the Lord for His mercies are new as we pour out our hearts to Him. I want to give Him praise for after I spoke with Him one evening concerning several medical tests and the possible outcome, He totally reassured me with Isaiah 54:10, He promised me that His mercy would never leave me and I knew I could rely upon that. Thank you Lord for your wonderful, hearing ears. Your servant praises you today and always. All my tests have come back ok! All glory to Jesus the Son of the Living God! P.D.



Earlier this past week when I woke up I sensed a deep heaviness, depression, and guilt coming over me. I didn't want to get out of bed, that is how severe it was. I rebuked the enemy but sensed nothing happened! I knew I needed God's Word so went to RDM's Word of the Day on my e-mail. It was exactly the truth I needed that day for that situation! I agreed with the Word, from God's Word, and all the symptoms immediately lifted! Thank you Jesus! "Thy Word is Truth". The Truth sets us free and keeps us free. Praising the Lord and thanking Him for His goodness and His Word in our lives. N.S.



Recently, I asked for the prayer team to lift me up as I was experiencing an attack of fever. I had this for several days. Today I woke up fever free! Praise the Wonderful name of Jesus. Thanks prayer team. The Body needs one another in these days more than ever. M.M.

whole. The Amplified Bible says this is snobbery. Your regard or honor has become your bad habit, as now you are showing favoritism or prejudice, you are unjust to the one that is overlooked. Vines Expository Dictionary describes partiality this way: favoritism, respect of persons, servile regard, and snobbery. James 2:1, describes it this way: "the fault of one who, when responsible to give judgment, is partial to the position, rank, popularity, looks or circumstances of men, instead of their intrinsic conditions, preferring the rich and powerful to those who are not so."

Matthew Henry's commentary says: the apostle is here reproving a very corrupt practice. He shows how much mischief there is in the sin of respecting people (prosôpolepsía [Greek]). This seemed to be a very growing evil in the churches of Christ even in those early ages, and which, in these after-times, has sadly corrupted and divided Christian nations and societies. Matthew Henry puts it this way: "You who profess to believe the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, which the poorest Christian shall partake of equally with the rich, and to which all worldly glory is but vanity, you should not make men's outward and worldly advantages the measure of your respect. In professing the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, we should not show respect to men, so as to cloud or lessen the glory of our glorious Lord: how ever any may think of it, this is certainly a very heinous sin."

Let's look at two examples from the Bible. These were people of God who did not realize they were operating in something God did not approve of. We will also see two different methods the Lord used to minister to them and to deliver them from this attitude.

EXAMPLE #1 — The Apostle Peter

Acts 11:5-10 ⁵I was in the town of Joppa praying, and [falling] in a trance I saw a vision of something coming down from heaven, like a huge sheet lowered by the four corners; and it descended until it came to me. ⁶Gazing intently and closely at it, I observed in it [a variety of] four-footed animals and wild beasts and reptiles of the earth and birds of the air, ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, Get up, Peter; kill and eat. ⁸But I said, No, by no means, Lord; for nothing common or unhallowed or [ceremonially] unclean has ever entered my mouth. ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, What God has cleansed and pronounced clean, do not you defile and profane by regarding or calling it common or unhallowed or unclean. ¹⁰This occurred three times, and then all was drawn up again into heaven.

Notice that Peter's vision occurred three times. Why? I believe that God was making an important point and did not want Peter to miss it. Peter was prejudiced in favor of the Jews, but God gave him this vision showing Peter that God was not a respecter of persons and wanted the Gentiles included in salvation! Thank God for that vision! Amen?

Acts 10:34 *And Peter opened his mouth and said: Most certainly and thoroughly I now perceive and understand that God shows no partiality and is no respecter of persons, God obviously showed Peter the meaning of his vision and delivered him from his attitude. In the following verse, he tells us in his epistle how we should conduct ourselves.*

1 Peter 1:17 *And if you call upon Him as [your] Father Who judges each one impartially according to what he does, [then] you should conduct yourselves with true reverence throughout the time of your temporary residence [on the earth, whether long or short].*

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