

PRAISE GOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

King David praised God while hiding in a cave. Paul and Silas sang while locked up in prison. In spite of difficult surroundings, we always have a choice. Choose praise! "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

1. "The soul may ascend nearer Heaven on the wings of praise." (*Steps to Christ*, p. 104)
2. "In the future life the mysteries that here have annoyed and disappointed us will be made plain. We shall see that **our seemingly unanswered prayers and disappointed hopes have been among our greatest blessings.**" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 474)
3. "The way of the Lord's helping we may not know; but this we do know: He will never fail those who put their trust in Him." (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 576)
4. "Could Christians realize how many times the Lord has ordered their way, that the purposes of the enemy concerning them might not be accomplished, they would not stumble along complainingly. Their faith would be stayed on God, and **no trial would have power to move them.**" (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 576)
5. "**The fact that we are called upon to endure trial shows that the Lord Jesus sees in us something precious which He desires to develop.** If He saw in us nothing whereby He might glorify His name, He would not spend time in refining us. He does not cast worthless stones into His furnace. It is valuable ore that He refines." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 471)
6. "All that has perplexed us in the providences of God will in the world to come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 286)
7. "**Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing.** Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish and a plain path before their feet." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 481)
8. "To all who are reaching out to feel the guiding hand of God, **the moment of greatest discouragement is the time when divine help is nearest.** They will look back with thankfulness upon the darkest part of their way. 'The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly' (2 Peter 2:9). From every temptation and every trial He will bring them forth with firmer faith and a richer experience." (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 528)
9. "The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. Whatever comes to him comes from the Savior, who surrounds him with His presence. Nothing can touch him except by the Lord's permission. All our sufferings and sorrows, all our temptations and trials, all our sadness and griefs, all our persecutions and privations, in short, all things work together for our good. **All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to us.**" (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 488, 489)

10. "Moses had a deep sense of the personal presence of God. . . . The presence of God was sufficient to carry him through the most trying situations in which a man could be placed. Moses did not merely think of God; he saw Him. God was the constant vision before him; he never lost sight of His face. He saw Jesus as his Savior, and he believed that the Savior's merits would be imputed to him. This faith was to Moses no guesswork; it was a reality. This is the kind of faith we need, faith that will endure the test. Oh, how often we yield to temptation because we do not keep our eye upon Jesus! Our faith is not continuous because, through self-indulgence, we sin, and then we cannot endure 'as seeing Him who is invisible.' My brother, make Christ your daily, hourly companion, and you will not complain that you have no faith. **Contemplate Christ. View His character. Talk of Him. The less you exalt self, the more you will see in Jesus to exalt.** God has a work for you to do. Keep the Lord ever before you." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 651, 652)