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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Heb. 13:15-16 *Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (NIV)*

The true praise of the LORD begins through Jesus. Our praise must flow through the person of Christ and the price that He paid for us. Now notice, we are to *continually* offer our praise. Not just a bit in the morning and maybe some at night, but we should be constantly and continuously praising. **Ps. 34:1** *I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. (NIV)* This can only happen if we truly know Him and have begun to walk in the newness of life. The Holy Spirit is our helper and will lead us into this place of praise. This is a purposeful and conscience decision to come into His presence and to remain there. Since the LORD is good all the time, then we should be praising Him all the time. **1 Thess. 5:18** *Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (NIV)* And the praise is not always in the form of song but can simply be speaking the truth - **Acts 4:20** *For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. (NIV)* It should be the fruit of our lips that comes from the fruit of our lives. What we do comes from whose we are. Our lives should praise Him as loudly as our lips do.

The result of this praise is: we get our eyes off the circumstances and onto the One Who holds all things in His hands. We praise Him in the beauty of His holiness; not for what He is going to do or even for what He has done; but just because He is worthy to be praised! When we praise Him, the evil one flees. He cannot stand in the presence of the praise of the LORD!

Dear LORD, help us to live in Your praise today. There is no room for any other gods in our lives. We need You and You alone. May the fruit of our lives bring praise from our lips today. In Jesus Name, Amen