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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 9:1-2 *I will give thanks to You, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High.*
(NIV)

In a world of doom and gloom and a time of distressed and confused people, David cries out to the LORD; not with despair, but with rejoicing. How is that possible? It is possible when we remember Who is in charge and that He has everything in control.

It is easy to become short-sighted and function on only the things that we physically see: nations rising up against other nations, a global pandemic, continual race issues, financial collapse and power-hungry people. There is so much more going on than we can see with our physical eyes. God is at work. He always has been and He always will be. And here, David is showing an amazing ability to see things from a different vantage point. No matter how many enemies attack. No matter how dark it seems to be. We know the One Who holds all power and knows all things. He created everything. He knows the stars by name. He knows when a sparrow falls and when you are hurting inside. He not only knows these things, He cares. He really does. Some might say, 'if God really cares, why does He let these things happen?' Because He makes sure that all things will ultimately remind people that He is God!

And so David, once a young shepherd boy taking care of the family sheep, is now elevated to King of Israel. Did they have enemies? Oh yes they did! And they still do! Would Israel be attacked? Of course they would. But herein lies a beautiful picture of trust. David knew that no matter how big the giant; how great the nation that would rise up against them; that His God is LORD! He causes the sun to rise and set. He gives life to every creature. Not one little animal is born without His knowledge. Not one leaf falls from a tree that He does not see it. So what should that compel us to do? ***I will give thanks to You, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High.***

Dear LORD, we praise You today and every day that You give us. You are above all things and You will always be. You are worthy to be praised. Help us do so today and every day you give us. In Jesus Name, Amen