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## Praising Love

Psalm 63:3-4 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

Your love is better than life! I love this phrase from the heart of the shepherd boy, now fugitive from the jealous king Saul. This is an amazing statement when you consider the scope of it. Having the love of God in your life is better than life without it! David exclaims that he is so blessed to have the love of the Father. Without it, life would not really be life; it would just be existence. In John 10:10, Jesus said, "The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy but I have come that you may have life , and have it to the full." Life, without the love of the Father, isn't really life. Because of this, David can't help but praise and glorify the giver of love, God Himself. If you have experienced God's love, you cannot keep silent about it. Let your lips glorify the Lord. If you have experienced His wonderful love, praise Him everyday that He gives you breath. And...in His name, lift up your hands! The picture of victory is always with hands lifted high. Even people who don't know God yet, still lift their hands in victory because it is built into them by God Himself.

When you lift your hands to the Lord, it is also like your child reaching up to you and saying, "pick me up Daddy; pick me up Mommy." Now I'm not saying that lifting up your hands is a requirement, but it is a posture of surrender. David says, because Your love is better than life, I surrender all that I am to You!

Have you realized the amazing love of God? Have you understood that He loves you more than anything? If you have, you will want to praise Him, glorify Him, and surrender yourself completely to Him. Let's make today a day of complete surrender to the One who has done everything for us.

Dear Father, right now I glorify you and I will praise you as long as I live. I surrender my will, my mind, my heart to You today. Take me like I am and make me what You want me to be today. In Jesus Name, Amen