**“Cry out to God for your blessing!”**

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***Luke 18:35-43 in the NKJV***

35Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. 36And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. 37So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

39Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

40*So Jesus stood still* and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, 41saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.”

42Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” 43And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it,* gave praise to God.

***Hebrew 11:1***

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

***Hebrews 11:6***

And it is impossible to please God without faith.  Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

***Psalms 150:6***

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  Praise the Lord!

***(Yadah) is a one of the Hebrew words for Praise.***

***Yadah*** - The root word of this form of praise, which is "yad," is a word meaning "hand." Yadah is literally the "lifting of hands in praise, reverence, and worship." The meaning conveyed is one of outward expression of love towards God, for others to see. It also means "confession," When used or translated as "confession," it means an "outward confession of praise or worthiness" to God. Since Yadah involves the lifting of hands, one may understand it also with some connotations of "surrendering" or "confessing” authority to God.

***Matthew 18:20***

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

***Here are four things Praise does for us.***

**1. Praise**    **brings God into the scene of your situation.**

**2. Praise** **opens the gates of Heaven and the doors of blessings.**

**3 Praise**    **dissipates worry and dilutes concern and fear.**

**4 Praise** **tarnishes sadness and magnifies God’s goodness.**