

BFF372 O Magnify the Lord with Me!

Scott Moore: Welcome to the "Building Faith Families" podcast with Steve Demme. I'm your host, Scott Moore. Thanks for joining us today.

Good morning, Steve. How are you today?

Steve: I'm really well. How are you?

Scott: I too am well. Thank you for you and all the people listening who have so graciously helped us out in our final battle. It's one of those things I feel like I probably shouldn't say too much because I'll sound inadequate and stupid, but I'm very blessed and feel very loved at the moment, so thank you.

Steve: Good. Well, we hope that we have blessed you. People stepped right up to the plate, and there's still time. Anybody's listening that they want to make a donation, you can do that. Except for PayPal's little fees, everything goes to Scott and Jen, give here: <https://paypal.me/buildfaithfamilies>

Scott: I'm very grateful to everybody that has given especially since it's a tough time in our economy. It's not talked about much, but it is a tough time for family, so it's extra special.

I've had a little blessing being reminded about that verse that says, it is more blessed to give than to receive. I used to think that was something you said to your kids so they wouldn't be greedy at Christmas time. Somewhere in the midst of this, I said to myself, it's a lot more fun to be the giver than the givee.

Then that verse popped into my head and I'm like, is that what that means? I always thought that was something you said to your kids, but it is actually more blessed to give than receive, but it sure feels like a blessing right now to be the receiver as well.

Steve: 1 Corinthians 9 speaks about the grace of giving, but there's a gift to be able to receive well too, because I also have trouble receiving. Sadly, when I receive a gift, I almost feel compelled to give in return so we can be even.

Scott: It occurred to me that it's a humbling experience to be blessed like this, and yet there I figured out there's a fine line between feeling humbled and feeling humiliated. I think Satan wants us to feel humiliated and worthless in times like this and God wants us to feel grateful and loved.

Steve: By the way, what were you talking to me about my retirement? Are you wanting me to retire?

Scott : Right before we started recording you said something about how you're still running the race, and I said, "Aren't you supposed to be semi-retired?" You said, "No."

Steve: That's not on the docket. My spiritual mentor used to quote, "There is no discharge in war." (Ecclesiastes 8:8)

Scott: Yeah.

Steve: I knew another godly older gentleman that used to go to nursing homes and play his guitar and encourage the people, many of whom were younger than he was.

Scott: Wow.

Steve: If you asked him about it, he responded, "I'm not retired, I'm re-fired."

Scott: There you go.

Steve: If we're doing what God gives us to do, why would we want to move to a sunny climate and play shuffleboard and pickleball? I don't know. I don't get it. I love what I'm doing. I love serving God. Now, that comment, that there is no discharge in war, is a good segue, for we're going to continue our series on spiritual warfare today.

Scott: Right on.

Steve: Let's pray. Father, thank You for calling us and equipping us, and creating us to war along with You. Thank You that we're on the winning team. Thank You that we're on Jesus' team. Thank You that we're following our great commander.

Just as You mentioned in the Lord's Prayer, when You taught Your disciples to pray, You said, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Thy kingdom come," you said, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Today, let our podcast be beneficial not only to our own souls and our own training, but let it be another piece to extending Your kingdom on this earth. Give us faith to cooperate with Your Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scott: Amen.

Steve: As you know, I've set aside time twice a day to pray, to seek God and I base each session on a collection of Scriptures organized around an attribute of God. I have 13 of these studies now. I'm going to be adding three more now that I have completed my last homeschool conference in Texas, which was blessed and wonderful.

I have a little bit more time on my hands and I'm looking forward to spending it seeking God, and developing these studies. I'll be reading through a good part of one, because our topic is magnifying God as a way of fighting the good fight. Psalm 34:3 says, "Oh, magnify Jehovah with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Magnifying God and exalting His name is a part of putting the battle through in kingdom warfare, the spiritual battle between two kingdoms, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the devil.

There have been books written on this. Chuck Colson wrote a book, "Kingdoms in Conflict," and this is it. Sadly, many people think that there is no war, and that perhaps is one of the greatest weapons of the devil, to try to get us to just keep living our lives and, "Oh, it'll get better."

We're involved in a conflict, and we're involved in a conflict that is going to end up with one kingdom being established on this earth and one kingdom being defeated. You can't have multiple kingdoms. Right now, we are in the middle of this period of conflict.

Psalm 69:30, "I will praise the name of God with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving." As you know, part of my daily discipline is to not only sing, but to give thanks and to praise His name. As we proceed through a study today, we're going to be applying this principle of praise, giving thanks, and magnifying God!

I think you'll see that this is not just hype or getting ourselves stirred up to pray, when we are giving thanks and we are praising God with song, we are exalting His name, we're magnifying Him, and we are extending and establishing His kingdom. Let's begin. 1 Timothy 6:14–16. "Our Lord Jesus Christ, He Who is the blessed and only potentate, the king of kings and Lord of lords, Who alone has immortality, Who dwells in unapproachable light." Boy, I love just reading that passage, it's faith-building and powerful.

I try to incorporate these four principles that I've received in understanding Psalm 100: Make a joyful-militant shout, Give thanks unto Him, Praise His name, and then Sing a hymn.

Today, what we're going to do is, Scott's going to read the scripture, and I'm going to give thanks based on that scripture, which is what I do when I'm by myself, except I read the scripture, then I give thanks.

I'll start with the joyful shout. "Arise oh Jehovah, and let Your enemies be scattered. May all who hate You flee before You and may all who love You and love Your name and hope in Your loving kindness, find joy, refuge, and strength under the shadow of Your wings." All right. Go ahead and read that first one.

Scott: Revelation 11:17, "We give thanks to You Lord God Almighty, Who is and Who was, for You have taken Your great power and begun to reign."

Steve: Thank You Lord God Almighty that You are a forever God and You have taken Your great power and are reigning.

Scott: Psalm 29:10, "Jehovah sat as king at the flood. Yay, Jehovah sits as king forever."

Steve: Thank You that You are sitting in a victorious posture.

Scott: Psalm 45:6, "Your throne, oh God is forever and ever. A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom."

Steve: Amen. Thank You, Father, that Your throne is a forever throne and that You reign with righteousness.

Scott: Psalm 103:19, "Jehovah has established His throne in the heavens and His kingdom rules over all."

Steve: Thank you, Father, that Your kingdom rules over all kingdoms.

Scott: Colossians 1:13, "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."

Steve: Thank you, God, for delivering us from darkness. Thank You for transferring us and making us adopted children who live in the kingdom of your Son.

Now we're going to do the praise, or bless His name section.

Scott: Psalm 47:1–2, "O clap your hands, all ye peoples. Shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For Jehovah Most High is terrible. He is a great King over all the earth."

Steve: Praise You, Most High God and great King.

Scott: Revelation 19:16, "On His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

Steve: Bless you, King of Kings. Praise you, Lord of Lords.

Scott: Revelation 15:3-4, "They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb saying, great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations." Who will not fear O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed."

Steve: I bless you, Lord God Almighty and King of the nations.

Scott: Psalm 95:3, "Jehovah is a great God and a great King above all gods."

Steve: Hallelujah. Praise you, great God and great King.

Scott: Revelation 1:5, "Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world."

Steve: I bless You, faithful witness and ruler of all kings of the world.

Scott: Yes, Lord. Joshua 2:11, "Jehovah your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath."

Steve: Bless You, Jehovah, for being God in heaven above and on the earth beneath. Amen. Well done, Scott. That was good. By the way, that last verse was uttered by Rahab speaking in the Spirit. I love that. There's something about that lady. She had something, but you notice she didn't say Jehovah our God. She said Jehovah your God. She was talking to the spies and she told them, "Hey, we're all scared to death of you guys in here. We heard what happened, and we know that He is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath." Someday, not only Rahab, but everyone will know it. Sometimes before I even get to the next section, I go through a period of applying the scriptures to myself such as Revelation 1:5, "All glory to Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding His blood for us."

Because of the basin in front of the Holy of Holies, Hebrews 10:22, "Our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water." Special stuff.

John 3, "Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God. ... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.'" (John 3:3, 5)

Ephesians 5:18, "Be filled with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:16, "Walk by the Spirit."

I oftentimes take time to pray that God will cleanse me, wash me, and fill me with His Spirit.

Now we get into the specific section on praying or believing for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. I believe just reading these scriptures is powerful. It's declaring the truth. It's declaring the facts of the case.

How about if we take turns reading these scriptures? Is that OK?

Scott: Sure.

Steve: I'll go first, then you go second. "The God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people, but it shall break and crush and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever." (Daniel 2:44) Amen.

Scott: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19)

Steve: That's Jesus talking to His disciples. He said, whatever you bind on earth, and I believe He wants us to do that. I believe He wants us to use this power to bind the devil.

Let's stop and pray right now. Father, in Jesus' name, we bind the kingdom of the devil. We bind the kingdom of this world. We bind the kingdoms that are not allayed with your kingdom. We pray for your kingdom to come and your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Scott: Amen.

Steve: "Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written! This honor have all His saints. Praise Jehovah!" (Psalm 149:6)

Scott: "A great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. ... There was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon." (Revelation 12:3, 7)

Steve: I believe we're participating in this battle, the one going on in heaven. Michael and his angels waging war with this great red dragon. It's up to us to be binding things on earth so that they'll be bound in heaven.

This is what we're doing. We're echoing this battle here on earth. As we put the battle through here, Michael and his angels will put the battle through there in heaven.

"The great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.'" (Revelation 12:8–11) Hallelujah.

Father, we believe for You to bind the deceiver of the whole world, bind the accuser of the brethren, and loose us to believe the truth. Loose us to not be deceived but to have our minds transformed by Scripture. Loose us from accusations of hell. Help us by the blood of the Lamb to overcome him. Help us to continue because of the word of our testimony.

Here's the word of our testimony. We're going to read some more truth scriptures right now. I'll go first, and you can follow along. "Know therefore this day, and take it to your heart, that Jehovah He is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath, and there is none else." (Deuteronomy 4:39)

Scott: Revelation 11:5, "The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

Steve: Amen. "The most high God rules in the kingdom of men and sets over it whomsoever He will." (Daniel 5:21)

Now, these next three verses, this is the fruit of binding the strong man, when we declare that God is king in heaven above and on the earth beneath, this is what's going to happen. You go for the jugular. Isaiah 45.

Scott: "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and will not turn back, that to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance." (Isaiah 45:22–23)

Steve: Amen. Romans 14:11, "It is written as I live says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me and every tongue confess to God."

Scott: Philippians 2:9–11, "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Steve: Amen. Father, we absolutely believe our testimony, the word of our testimony is that You are the true king of kings. That Your kingdom rules and reigns on this earth now, that it will never be given over to another sovereignty, that it will crush, consume, and extend until it fills the whole earth. We declare that Your son is king. We declare that every knee is going to bow, every tongue confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. We simply agree and we say amen, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come quickly. Amen.

Scott: Amen.

Steve: There you go. You participated in one of my studies.

Scott: Very good. It's powerful, man.

Steve: Do you see why I'm of good faith?

Scott: Yeah.

Steve: If I spend time twice a day going through these scriptures and these passages, all grouped around an attribute of God in this study, His kingship. The one I was doing yesterday was that He is holy.

The more I marinate in the truth, the more faith I have, and the more effective I believe I am in doing the work that God has given me to do. What do you think?

Scott: It's easy when you get into a pattern of doing it the same way, going through the word. It's wonderful to read through the Bible every year, but when you're just plodding through, sometimes it can feel like you're just plodding through.

To have a bunch of verses that all go together like these picked out for us is really helpful and it packs a punch. It's very powerful.

Steve: Amen. If anybody wants these, you can either email us, because Scott will tell you at the end how to email us or there is a transcript posted. When I post the podcast, there's a transcript posted at the same time that you can access. Amen. May God continue to bless us and bless you. May everybody listening be encouraged today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scott: Amen. That's our show for this week, folks. Thanks for joining us for the Building Faith Families with Steve Demme. If you have a question for the show, email Steve at spdemme@gmail.com. If you have a question for me, you can reach me at scott@unsocializedmedia.com.