

## 21 Day Prayer Focus

### “Grumble Fast—Gratitude Feast” by Ruth Webb

#### 1. Gratitude is a Password

Psalm 100 <sup>2</sup>“Worship Yahweh with gladness. Sing your way into his presence <sup>3</sup>...we have the privilege of worshiping Yahweh our God.” (TPT)  
<sup>4</sup>“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.” (NKJV OR TPT) <sup>4</sup>“You can pass through his open gates with the password of praise...”

Isa 60:18 “you shall call your walls Salvation, And your gates Praise”.

Gratitude as a seed grows into a tree of praise.

Gratitude-Praise is a firewall.

Gratitude guards the gate of our hearts.

Praise guards the gate into the Presence of God.

Praise is the language and the atmosphere of heaven.

Gratitude–Praise is like a pin number or password to get entry to your bank account or computer. Log into your heavenly account today! Speak heavens language, produce heavens atmosphere—Praise Him!

#### 2. Grumbling Limits God

Leaving Egypt, Israel’s wanderings were accompanied by grumbling. Psalm 78: <sup>40</sup>“How many times they rebelled in their desert days! How they grieved Him with their grumbings. <sup>41</sup>...they limited God, preventing him from blessing them. Continually they... provoked [grieved] the Holy One of Israel! <sup>42</sup> They forgot his great love” (TPT)

Their grumbles:

- Partnered their rebellion
- Grieved the Holy One of Israel
- Dishonored Yaweh
- Limited God—so His blessings were restricted!

Paul warns us: “All the tests they endured on their way through the wilderness are a symbolic picture, an example that provides us with a warning so that we can learn through what they experienced. For we live in a time when the purpose of all the ages past is now completing its goal within us.<sup>12</sup> So beware if you think it could never happen to you, lest your pride becomes your downfall.” (1 Corinthians 10:11-12 TPT)

### 3. Sacrifice of Praise

“I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, <sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD <sup>19</sup> In the courts of the LORD’s house (Psalm 116:17-19 NKJV)  
 “Surrender yourselves to God to **be** his sacred, living sacrifice... for this becomes your genuine expression of worship.” (Romans 12:1 TPT)

We often think the ‘sacrifice of praise’ means to give thanks even when life is tough. This is good and true.

However, Biblically, the ‘sacrifice of thanksgiving’ was part of the sacrificial system in the tabernacle and temple. Sacrifices were offered in the morning and evening. There were five different sacrifices.

[Details p 42-45 of book “Grumble Fast” by Ruth Webb]

Our sacrifices today: “So we no longer offer up a steady stream of blood sacrifices, but through Jesus, we will offer up to God a steady stream of praise sacrifices—these are “the lambs” we offer from our lips that celebrate his name!” (Hebrews 13:15 TPT)

### 4. Rescue from enemies like Jezebel & the Role of Psalmists

“He rescues me from my enemies...this is why I thank God with highest praises.” (Psalm 18;48-49 TPT)

“You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.” (Psalm 32:7 NKJV)

You rescued [Israel] from bondage. <sup>12</sup> Seeing this, the people believed your words, and they all broke out with songs of praise! <sup>13</sup> Yet how quickly they forgot your miracles of power. (Psalm 106;10-13 TPT)

Israel fell into grumbling when they forgot the miracles of God. How could you forget the Red Sea parting? There is a ‘spirit of forgetting’ called Ziz, and is behind Jezebel, who seduces God’s people into Baal worship by ‘forgetting God’. In the book I share a powerful dream of praises of God’s people vaporizing ISIS as they threatened God’s people.

King David appointed Prophet Psalmists whose fulltime job description was to ‘record, give thanks and praise’. ( 1 Chronicles 16:4) The Hebrew word for ‘record’ is zakar and means to mark, make mention and **remember**.

Gratitude and praise, declaring His Word, celebrating the feasts of the Lord, communion: are all vital ways to remember the goodness and miracles of God. When we remember Him, we do not stray into idolatry! Gratitude and praise is provides both deliverance and victory. If David appointed Psalmists to minister before the Ark, we should never underestimate this important role to assist the Church.

[Day 5,6,7 “Grumble Fast” by Ruth Webb provides much more detail]

## 5. Our Creator is Good and Formidable

'**Adonay Yahweh**, you made heaven and earth by your great strength and powerful arm. **Nothing** is too hard for you. (Jeremiah 32:17 NOG)

"Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness" (Psalm 107:8 NKJV) "The Lord God Most High is awesome beyond words! He's the formidable and powerful King over all the earth.<sup>3</sup> He's the one who conquered the nations... (Psalm 47:2 TPT)

Creation of the universe and humanity—is the most amazing miracle. With increased technology, we continue to learn more, and be in awe. God is good, He is formidable, full of glory, and has made us 'fearfully and wonderfully'—in His image! These facts boosts faith—nothing is beyond the Creator!

Despite God's formidable power, yet since the Garden of Eden, the devil has sought to convince the sons of Adam that God is not good and His Word not trustworthy. As the end-times roll on, the devil's bombardments increase: to tire the saints, and get us into doubt, unbelief, and fear. Let us give thanks to the one who is awesome.

## 6. Outwit Leviathan & Dragon

God covenanted with King David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel: "**no** enemy would outwit him". A key was praise. (Psalm 50:14-15) "Bring me your true and sincere thanks, and show your gratitude by keeping your promises to me, the Most High. <sup>15</sup> Honor me by trusting in me in your day of trouble."

Leviathan is the king of pride and wants to get us to dishonour God—especially in our day of trouble.

Leviathan is both a sea creature and a metaphor for a crocodile and the dragon—the accuser of the brethren. A saltwater crocodile is 2/3<sup>rd</sup> mouth, and represents—complaining, grumbling, gossip, accusation! The best way to outwit this enemy is to stay out of its habitat!

Levi and Leviathan have the same root word. The tribe of Levi remained faithful during the Golden Calf debacle. Consequently, they were appointed to be stewards of the holy things, and David appointed them as psalmists to lead worship. There is a 'war' between Levitical worshippers and Leviathan. Faithful true worship is key to overcoming the dragon's accusations, false prophets and revenge.

(More info p 72 of "Grumble Fast" book by Ruth Webb)

## 7. End-time survival

"In the final days the culture of society will become extremely fierce and difficult for the people of God. <sup>2</sup> They will be **ungrateful** and ungodly... will become **addicted** to hateful and malicious **slander**. (2 Tim 3:1-2 TPT)

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> ... be blameless and innocent, children of God in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation ... shine as lights in the world” (Phil 2:14-15 TLV)

Paul warned; grumbling would be a signpost of the end-times!

End-time issues will test our resolve to give thanks. Developing a lifestyle of gratitude is necessary to remain faithful to the Lord. Demonic strongholds are entrenched and empowered by grumbling. As darkness increases, grumbling will also increase.

Thanksgiving and worship in the glory realms will be necessary for overcoming victory. A distinguishing difference in the end-times is light and dark. Those bound by darkness will grumble, and those in the light will praise the Lord. Secure the habit of praise.

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