Not Enough Words

By Steve Pruitt

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord or declare all his praise?

Psalm 106:2 ESV

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject." Do you know anyone like that? Politicians have long been known for their rhetoric which seems to have no end. Sports fanatics who, even when their favorite team's sport is not in season, seem to find a way to interject the subject into every conversation. The air waves are inundated with infomercial after infomercial that never runs out of good things to say about the products they sponsor. It does seem that the world never runs out of praise for the things they deem valuable.

In Psalm 106:2 the psalmist seems to use a little rhetoric of his own when asks the question, *Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord or declare all his praise?* The obvious answer is no one. Our human finite vocabularies do not contain enough words to describe an infinite God. Not only is there not enough words, but God continues to do mighty deeds which deserve our praise again and again. The Apostle John spoke to this end when he wrote, *And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.* (John 21:25)

The Hebrew word for praise used in Psalm 106:2 is tehillah. Tehillah is a laudation; a hymn and is used in Psalms 40:3, 149:1 and Isaiah 42:10 in conjunction with a new song. The meaning of the Hebrew word for new is "a fresh, new thing." There are always fresh new laudations and hymns to sing to God because he is always doing fresh new things. He is ever increasing our revelation of himself through scripture and day to day experiences.

The more revelation we have of God, the more praise should be released from us. The deeper we fall in love with him, the deeper the wells of praise should flow. As we utter the mighty deeds of the Lord and declare his praise, whether in song, sermon or sacrifice, we announce to others how valuable he is to us. And if he is valuable to us we will never run out of praise.

How valuable is God to you? Have you advertized God's worth in your life to others? Have you run out of praise?

NOTES:_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Scriptures for meditation:

Psalms 33:3; 98:1
Psalms 106:8; 145:4
Ephesians 5:19
Colossians 3:16
Revelation 5:9-10
Revelation 14:3

Copyright © 2010 Steve Pruitt/JustWorship.com
All rights reserved. Used by permission.