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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

1 Chron. 16:8 *Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done. (NIV)*

We have looked at a few verses this past week that suggest we walk in the LORD through giving Him the praise and thanks that He deserves. We are rounding out these thankfulness verses with not only a suggestion of praise, but a command to do so.

Rowland Hill, the inventor of the postage stamp, used to say that people were like the hogs under the oak, which eat the acorns, but never think of the oak from which they fell, nor lift up their heads to grunt out a thanksgiving. Yes, so it is. They munch the gift and murmur at the giver. May this not be said of the people of God. We should everlastingly be praising the name of the Lord forever. The focus should be on Him and not on us. We too easily get side-tracked by the events of the day or the actions of a few. Instead, our anchor is and should always be the name of the LORD. He is our rock. He is our fortress. He is our provider.

The author of this book tends to center on the Creator and His works rather than on the creation. This would bode well for us. In abiding with the Father, we can change our focus from the things of this world to the Maker of all things. And then we must tell all people about His works. We cannot be silent. We have the greatest story of all to tell everyone. How can we not proclaim the LORD?

Dear LORD, give us strength of voice and purpose of direction to proclaim You every day, all day long. Your name is above every name. You have done every great thing. We praise You alone. In Jesus Name, Amen