WORSHIP OPENS A DOOR TO GOD

You've heard much about being in My presence, but what you haven't heard enough of is Me being in your presence. You see, it's not all about you. It's also about Me. Your worship is like opening a door and inviting Me to fellowship with you. Yes, I want you in My presence, but I want to be in your presence as well. I want to fellowship with you. And the most effective way to do that is through worship.

The more you worship Me the less you'll wonder where I am during challenging times. The more you worship Me is the more you will be training your spirit to be increasingly sensitive to My presence. I want you to know that I am with you and I want to be with you. Your worship is so critical for this.

I have too many churches that call upon the Name of My Son, but they just will not worship. They will sing songs to Me and about Me, but they never pursue the element of worship, true worship, that enables Me to fellowship with them on a deeply personal level.

Please understand, when I said I would never leave you and never forsake you - I meant it. But during your worship, it's as though we can have very close fellowship and you will get to know Me better, for I already know you. Please take this to heart. Please understand, when you are focused on Me, truly focused on Me, your worship is not in vain.

I move in your midst, both here collectively as you worship Me in a congregational setting, but also privately when you're alone. I will make My presence known to you. The more you do this is the more you're going to understand where you're heading in Me and in revival.

I am pleased with your worship and I speak encouragement to you. Continue to worship Me. Take it seriously. Take advantage of it and make it a focal point of your life. I do not have that many churches who will do this. And know this: I will keep My Word to you. I will move in your midst and you will know My Glory, says the Lord.

RELEASE THE WORSHIP AND WALK FREE

There are people with yokes and burdens who have their feet in stocks and don't even know it. It is an attack of the enemy. It is the reason they can't seem to go forward. It is the reason they don't seem to hear Me. If they will worship, it will release the glory and anointing they need to walk free.

THE ARMY OF WORSHIPERS

I am raising up a new level of worshipers. They are those who are not ashamed or embarrassed to praise Me and worship Me in the Spirit and with the understanding. They are those who are more concerned with My presence than they are the opinions of others. I will be pouring into them an anointing of power to tear down strongholds of the enemy. They will have no fear of the enemy; but the enemy will tremble when they hear the sound of their footsteps.

I am raising up this army of worshipers around the world. When the Jews crossed over the Red Sea, one of the first things they did was worship Me. When the Ark was returned to Jerusalem, it was accompanied by praise and worship. When the Temple was finished, the first thing they did was worship Me. When the foundation walls of the Temple were relaid, the first thing they did was worship Me. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost, the people heard those who were filled speaking in tongues and worshiping Me for my greatness. One of the most notable things John witnessed in the Revelation was the praise and worship in Heaven.

I am raising up this army of worshipers. They will not be swayed and they will not be stopped. The fire of My glory burning in them will fuel more and more worship. They will move in the miraculous. They will hear My voice. They will know Me as a God who cannot be defeated. They will walk in victory throughout the land. They will walk in a holy boldness that none can dissuade. In the spirit, they will glow with My glory as it pours from them and rests upon them.

There are many who will delight in these words and feel an excitement in believing that they will be a part of this army. But I say unto you, only those who truly worship Me can be raised up like this. I do not want to hear the pleasant and trained voice of the flesh and soul; I want to hear the hearts of My children as they worship Me. I do not watch performances; but I do participate in worship that comes from the heart.

As you would say it, I am sickened; sickened by the way My Church has "professionalized" praise and worship. I watch as churches advertise for musicians, singers and worship leaders. I watch as My children flock to those churches which have the best sounding and best trained worship teams. I watch as they practice and practice and practice to get their harmonies perfect and their pitch perfect and their timing perfect; all the while leaving out the most needed element: a heart that is fully committed to worship Me. I do not anoint performance; but I will visit that worship which comes from the heart.

Do you not think that I can fill a church with musicians and singers whose hearts are sold out to Me? Of course I can; but you must want to worship Me more than perform for Me. In My army of worshipers, none will be interested in performing for Me; but all will be fully committed to worship Me.

There are churches throughout this world who have set aside times specifically for worship. Do you think that I do not watch those who do and do not attend? If you know that I inhabit your praises, why would you not want to gather for the purpose of worshiping Me? Why would you not take advantage of every opportunity to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ to praise Me? What is it about My presence that you do not appreciate that would cause you to stay away? I see this all over the world in churches where worship is emphasized.

I will accept you into this army of worshipers and you can experience all that this army will receive from Me and do for Me. But you must make a choice to make worship a priority in your life; for those in this army have made worship a priority. Do you not realize that there is an anointing that is released in your worship? As My Word says, I inhabit your praises; therefore, My anointing is present with Me in praise. Many of you have had the opportunity to carry this anointing home with you after times of worship, and this anointing would destroy yokes of

bondage impacting family members; but you have dismissed such worship and taken it too lightly.

Where in My Word do you see that I have declared Sunday to be a day of rest? And yet, many of My children call Sunday their day of rest...their Sabbath...and use that as an excuse to stay away from My presence in their churches. Does not My Word say that you are bought with a price? If, therefore, you have been bought with a price, have not your days also been bought? Why do you see it as an inconvenience to gather together to worship Me? I watch as this happens in churches around the world which have placed an emphasis on worship.

Many say that their life is too complicated and too busy...that they need Sunday just to "get it together," and they stay away from My presence. I would like to know: Do you think your life would be any less complicated if you didn't have Me in your life? Have you considered that the anointing which is released from Me during genuine heart-released worship would bring about a restructuring of your life and settle so much of the disorder?

My army of worshipers will face daily challenges. The enemy will come against them. But there will be nothing the enemy does that will stop them. They will worship Me straight into eternity. They will blaze a trail of victory in this world. They will shatter the strongholds of the enemy. They will permanently shut down many of the enemy's plans. The light of My glory shining through their worship will lead many out of darkness.

I am calling all of My Church to join this army. However, I know that most will not listen. But will you listen? Does it really matter to you? No matter where you are, I am calling you to this army. Will you join? Will you let Me clothe you in My presence and My glory in a way that will bring about a supernatural protection? Will your spirit become like tempered steel that cannot be bowed? Will you allow Me to form you into a vessel filled with holy fire? Will you lay aside self in order to be clothed with the spiritual armor of a warrior who knows he has victory before the battle has begun?

Do you want to be in this army that I am raising up? If so, become one who worships Me from the heart; one who seizes every opportunity to worship Me; one who hungers for My kind of presence which only manifests through worship. Learn to enter into heart-released worship whether or not you have music. My army of worshipers is a volunteer army: you must want to join, and you can only join if you decide to live the life of a worshiper. Do this, I say, and watch walls the enemy has had constructed for decades come tumbling down before your feet. Do this, I say, and watch chains of captivity break from those who have been in bondage for years. Do this, I say, and touch the overwhelming power of My presence...and you will never be the same.