

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND GOD'S ANOINTING

PART 1: RESTORING YOUR PRAISE 2016-5-29 SAM

Many who were once praisers have let their praise slip.

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In 1981 an Assemblies of God church in Sidney, Ohio was embroiled in strife and division. The pastor had left, the congregation had dwindled down to about 20 people and things were so bad the denomination was considering closing the church. During prayer, the District Superintendent thought of a particular minister and called him, asking if he would want to pastor the church. However, he warned of the discord and conflict, and that there had been an actual fist fight in the last church board meeting. Nevertheless, the minister accepted the position and became the church's pastor in June of 1981.

When he arrived, the new pastor told the congregation that the church was going to change and grow, but the people demonstrated little response, being hardened, wounded and scarred from all the friction and dissent. The pastor began teaching on praise. Every week, Sunday mornings, Sunday nights and Wednesday nights he taught on praise; not just singing, but the free, spontaneous worship that comes from the hearts of Believers. For the next few months the people just sat and listened, being very unresponsive; the pastor shared that at times, the only people praising were him, his wife and two daughters.

But after months of sowing the Word of God about praise into their hearts, the pastor saw a breakthrough. The people began rise above their past hurts and praise the Lord. Almost overnight the church began to grow. By December of 1981 they had grown from 20 to 120 people, with 25 singers and musicians on the praise team. In January, 1982 a bitter cold front hit the area and one Sunday, between the morning and evening service, the furnace broke down. That Sunday night, the pastor stood at the church door in his winter coat to tell people there was no heat and they could go home. However, they walked right past him to find a seat, many commenting, "Pastor, please let us stay and praise the Lord. We'll wear our coats" The service that night went on and on because the people praised beyond their level of cold and physical discomfort.

The church changed its name to Praise Temple and eventually grew to about 300. They did not go door-to-door, buy buses, or use church growth programs. Instead, they focused on praise and to this day, that pastor tells people that praise built the church. Bus programs, door-to-door campaigns, newspaper ads, radio & TV programs and so on are not be God's will for every church; but praise & worship **IS** God's will for every church.

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We tell the devil about our weak areas when we fuss, complain and murmur; this clues him in to how to attack us. But when we praise, we are releasing strength out of our spirit and Satan cannot detect any weak areas.

In 2 Chronicles 20, King Jehoshaphat sent the worshipers of Judah ahead of the army; God sent ambushments against the enemy and the battle was won.

The name Judah means “praised, praise, praiser.” It is the name from which the word “Jew” is derived. “Judah” is first mentioned in Genesis 29:31-35. Leah’s praise was restored.

In Judges 1:1-2, Moses and Joshua had died. The people cried out to God wondering who would lead them. God said He was sending Judah (the praisers) because He had delivered the land into his hand.

WORSHIP AND THOUGHTS

March 10, 2002

The Lord said that there are so many people in the body of Christ who are tormented in their minds because of their thought life. And He said, If you would only learn to praise Me, if you would only learn to worship Me, you would find out how that your worship will have a purging and cleansing effect in your thought life. There are too many people, too many Christians, who are going through a lot of junk in their minds that if they would just worship, all of that could change, all of it could change, all of it could change.

RELIEF FROM HEAVINESS

March 17, 2002

You’ve been under a spiritual attack and the heaviness that you’ve been sensing is because Satan is coming against you. He is attacking you in this way to try and keep you down to try and move you into an area of great depression. It is a spirit of confusion that has draped a blanket over you. You didn’t know it; you didn’t feel it. It was a gradual thing; it didn’t hit you over night. But this is a spiritual attack.

If you will go home tonight and exercise your authority over this, and command it to leave and then seal it with worship, this is going to lift. It is going to lift; you are not going to feel this (anymore).

WORSHIP: GOD’S DWELLING

March 17, 2002

I said in my word that I inhabit your praises. The reason I’ve said that is because your praise constructs a place of habitation for Me. There are many things that you can do. You can pray in the spirit, you can meditate and confess My Word, you can fast, but worship is the one thing that builds a dwelling place for Me.

It’s as though through your worship you have taken a hammer and nails and wood and built a place that I can move into, a place where I can live with you. In the realm of the spirit, the more that you worship Me, the more it enables Me to fellowship with you. When your heart and your mind are fixed upon Me and you are worshipping Me, if the only words that cross your lips are, *I*

love you, I praise you, I worship you, and that is all you say to Me over and over, over again, but it is coming from a diligent heart and a diligent mind, you must know that I am pleased with that.

Because when you pour your heart out to Me in your worship it creates a place for Me to come and fellowship with you. And I would say to you, if you truly want to know My presence in an ever increasing way then learn to worship Me, learn to worship Me, learn to worship Me; and in the middle of your worship you will find Me.

WORSHIP INTO REVIVAL **November 11, 2002**

(Part of this word makes reference to healing pertaining to select individuals, not the entire Body of Christ.)

About a last day revival, many of you have looked for this revival, many of you have been waiting on me to move in revival. But I say unto you, you have been wasting your time. For you see, I have never held revival back but, you have held Me back. You have wondered, "What will it take, Lord, what will it take?" You have wondered, "O God Where is this revival?" Well I have revealed to you in My Word what it will take.

For the last forty years you have had great teaching, you have had great exhortation and you have not come short of your knowledge in My Word. And I am pleased with this, for as I said, knowledge would increase in the last days; it has done just that. Knowledge of Me and My Word has increased in these last days and you have learned faith. You have learned great faith, and you have been taught many things, many great and powerful and life changing things. But I would have you know that the revival you have heard prophesied, the revival that you have been seeking, it is at your doorstep now. And My Son revealed to you in My Word what it is going to take to see this revival unleashed in waves throughout your land. And I say not just throughout this country but through this world.

If you will think to My Word where My Son met the Samaritan woman and He told her God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth because those are the people I am seeking. In the Old Testament, the greatest outpouring of My glory was not while My Word was being proclaimed, it was not while the sacrifices were being offered, it was not during a festival, it was not during a feast; but the greatest outpouring of My glory took place the moment that the singers and the musicians became as one and lifted up their voices and made a sound, a sound, a sound to glorify me and to worship me. It was then My glory filled the temple and the priests could not stand to minister.

Your worship is the key and I would say unto you this day, those who have ears to hear listen closely to My Word; listen closely to that which I say to you this night. You are going to begin to hear a renewal in the area of worship. You are going to hear coming from different places throughout the land and throughout the world those who are going to begin leading my people back into the arena of worship. My Word has been taught, and there has been much learning, but my church has forgotten how to worship Me.

And the churches that you have established, you have placed heavy, heavy emphasis upon teaching and upon training, but there has never been an organization come into existence that has trained my people to worship. And I say unto you those days are coming to an end. I am speaking forth. I am crying out. “Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me.”

Worship Me, because when you worship Me, it opens the door of your spirit for My power and My anointing to flow through you and bring about the revival that will change your land. It will change your circumstances. It will bring about My presence in ways you have never known before. So listen closely, listen closely to the voices of those that I am raising up. Those whose hearts are tender towards Me. Those whose ears are tuned to My voice and you will begin to hear them proclaim the message – **WORSHIP THE LORD – WORSHIP THE LORD – WORSHIP THE LORD – WORSHIP THE LORD.**

And the day is coming, the day is coming where a people will be gathered together in one place to worship Me; and as they worship me, My glory is going to fill the place where they are unlike anything they have ever known before. And when that happens you will not need the preaching, you will not need the teaching, you will not need to lay hands on the sick, because the anointing that is poured through your worship is going to bring about healings, signs, wonders, and miracles.

Oh, how I feel for those of you who have hardened your heart to the point that your conscience is seared to the cry of worship. Oh how My heart longs to touch you! You’ve sought healing: be it known this night unless you worship you are never going to see your healing manifest. It is not because I am holding back, but it is because of your stubbornness and your pride, your flesh, that you will not worship Me. You have built a wall to My power; My power that could produce great things in your life.

But I say unto you this night if you will crucify your flesh, if you will mortify your pride and lift your hands and open your mouth if you will stop worrying about the people around you and what they think and what they might see you do; if you will worship Me you will experience Me.

And I say unto you that there are some you have been into intercession, concerned for your children. But I would say unto you this night, you have hindered the answers, you have hindered me from moving in the lives of you children because of your pride. I say unto you this night, do not forget I hung on a cross. I was naked and all could see me, but I did it for you.

If you will only worship Me, if you will only worship Me you will see My power again. I say unto you worship is the final ingredient to the end time revival. Worship is the final ingredient to the end time revival. Worship Me, worship Me, worship Me, says the Lord.