

## PRAISE, WORSHIP AND GOD'S ANOINTING

### PART 2: OUR PRIESTLY RESPONSIBILITY 2016-5-29 SAM

As the church in Sidney, Ohio continued to grow, the pastor and congregation decided to change the name of the church from Sidney First Assembly of God to Praise Temple. The pastor met with a denominational superintendant about the name change, but he was not very receptive. Further, he was greatly challenged to accept that no outreach programs had been used to stimulate the church's growth. The pastor finally told him he needed to attend a service to really understand what was going on.

One Sunday morning, that superintendant showed up for the service and sat on the front row. The service began and the congregation worshiped as was now typical in their services. When the pastor went to the platform, he looked at the superintendant and noticed he had become very pale. He had the superintendant come to the platform to share what was going on.

The superintendant explained that as the congregation was worshiping, he began to have a vision. In this vision, he was in the front row of a large theater and the church congregation and worship team were the only ones on the stage, praising and worshiping God. He turned around and noticed that no one else was in the theater. He looked up to the balcony and no one was there. He then noticed there was second balcony above the first. Looking up, he saw that there was only one person sitting in that third level, and it was God. As he watched, the Lord was standing, with His arms raised, clapping His hands and crying out, "More, more, more!" He said he finally understood what was happening in that church. From that day forward, when that church came up in a conversation, he shared that praise had build that church.

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Understanding that our worship is about us and God and not about performance and vocal excellence is a major step to a spiritual breakthrough during worship.

Matt 16:19

John 4:7-24 When the lady found out Jesus was a prophet, she immediately changed the subject from water and began asking about something that was extremely important to her: praising God. This is one of the greatest Kingdom keys in the entire Bible. Being born again only qualifies you to be what God is seeking. Until you become a worshiper, you have not become what God is seeking.

1 Peter 2:9 What we are and what we are called to do. "*Should show forth*" from the Greek word *exaggello*: ek (out) and *aggello* (to tell, declare); to declare abroad, make widely known.

"*Praises*" from the Greek word *arete*: the glory, excellency, perfection, goodness and superiority of God; the virtues as a force or energy of the Holy Spirit accompanying the preaching of the gospel.

*"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should .openly tell, declare and make widely known the glory, excellency, perfection, goodness*

*and superiority of God through speaking or singing; including speaking or singing by the virtue of the force or energy of the Holy Spirit within you (i.e. tongues); for God is the one who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

1 Peter 2:9 “a royal priesthood” Revelation 1:6, 5:10

Numbers 4:16 the daily meat offering; Exodus 29:38-46

Hebrews 13:15. God makes it clear that praise is the fruit of our lips, not the clapping of our hands. Clapping has a place, but it is our lips which convey what is in our heart.

### **GOD SEEKS WORSHIP** **November 18, 2001**

Give to Me that which I am truly seeking, that is, your love and your worship. There are many churches that profess Me and many churches that preach Me but out of them all, there are so few that give Me what I am really after, your heart, your love and worship.

You’ve begun to enter into a realm of worship that you have not known in the past. For many of you, this has been a challenge. Many of you are still reserving yourselves because your flesh is uncomfortable with releasing out of your mouth the praise, the worship and the adoration that is in your spirit.

And I say unto you, you must go beyond your flesh, you must go beyond your emotions and your feelings and you must open your mouth. You must release unto Me that which is in your heart. For you see when you became born again, worship became a part of your nature.

And so I would say to you, submit to the operation of your spirit. Dominate your flesh and do that which now seems uncomfortable but will soon seem very natural. For there are many churches, but few give Me what I am truly seeking, your heart, your love and worship.

But you have been pressing deeper as a church into My presence through your worship. Your songs have rung through Heaven. Your songs have reached My throne. Your worship has reached My ears; for the greatest worship is that which is not planned, but that which is birthed out of your heart.

Your worship has reached My ears and I say unto you, if you will continue, if you will press deeper into this, you will continually dispel the powers of darkness in greater and greater measure. You will open up a realm of the spirit where My glory and My presence can penetrate and fill this place.

And I say there will come a day when sinners will not need to hear a sermon preached, but My presence released through your worship will convict them, will draw them to the cross, will draw them to repentance, will draw them to salvation..

I say unto you, you are a church that is pleasing unto Me, for you have come so far. Yes, there is further yet to go, but you have come so far. There are other churches which have begun like this

but they have faded. Some have even come to the point of stopping this worship before I could complete the work that I wanted to do in these times of worship.

But you are a learning people, you are a growing people. And I say to you, be encouraged. I say unto you, be encouraged, for I am pleased with what you are doing. I am pleased with where you have come from to where you are. And I say unto you, continue in this. Continue in this and always, always press beyond your flesh to enter into these times of worship, for it is there you will begin to experience Me in a new dimension. Your worship is a key to this revival.

**OPEN YOUR HEART AND WORSHIP**  
**November 18, 2001**

I have made My best available unto you and I have held nothing back. I have never held anything back from you. I have always made My best available to you. And the deeper you go into My glory, the more that you are transformed from glory to glory, is the more you will experience those things that I have already laid aside for you. I have given you My best, and the best that you can give to Me is your worship.

For you see, you can pray in tongues, you can speak My Word and meditate My Word and you can fast; but your worship, your worship is the best that you can give unto Me. Because, you see, it is those who worship Me in spirit and truth, they are the ones that I seek. Yes I want you to pray, yes I want you to meditate in My Word and yes I want you to fast; but I *seek* for those who will worship in spirit and truth, because that is the one thing that you can give unto Me. And when it pours forth from your heart it is the best that you can give Me.

There is nothing greater that you can give to Me beyond your worship. For it is your worship which will usher you into realms of My presence in the special places. It is your worship that will take you deeper into Me. It is your worship that will help accelerate your spiritual growth and maturity. When you worship and you focus your mind on Me, you're giving Me the best you can give Me. And I want you to know I honor that, I honor that.

The Old Testament saints longed for the day that they could worship Me like this; but in all of their lives on earth they could never do what you have done here tonight. Only now are they able to do that as they are in My presence. But you, you have the ability to do this now. You have the ability to worship Me as they never worshiped Me and you can do it while you are still on the earth.