

## **PRAISE, WORSHIP AND GOD'S ANOINTING**

### **PART 4: GIVE GOD WHAT HE SEEKS**

Matthew 21:15-16 and Psalm 8:1-2

- In one church, Spirit-filled women wore their hair one way; non-Spirit filled women another way. This was done so people would know who had and had not been filled with the Holy Ghost.
- A pastor said, "People ask me if a woman who cuts her hair can go to Heaven. I told them, yes, they can...if they get saved first and stop cutting their hair."
- A preacher told his wife she couldn't wear pants even at home.
- A preacher almost called off his engagement because he found out his fiancé trimmed the dead ends off her hair.
- A preacher refused to allow his wife to wear a wedding ring, even though they had small children. In fact, they didn't even have wedding rings at their wedding.

Proverbs 22:6 You can't train children to do what you don't understand or believe.

John 4:23-24 and Psalm 107:1-43 (Ephesians 3:14-19)

### **GOD WANTS TO MEET YOUR NEED**

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*(During a time of worship in a church service, the Lord gave Pastor Jim Martin the following vision and word.)*

*During our worship the Lord let me see what He was doing. He was walking through the congregation. As He approached people, He looked in their heart to see if they were truly worshipping. For those who were worshipping Him, He was able to reach into and minister to them. But those who weren't worshipping from their hearts, He had to walk on to the next person because they were not able to receive.)*

It's at times like this that I'm here to meet needs. It's so sad when people don't let Me meet their needs. For you see, in times like this it is through your worship that you receive what it is I'm here to give you.

If My people would only understand the value of worship and what it brings about in your life, then My people would worship Me more. But because so few have worshipped Me long enough to understand what I can do in that worship, they don't worship. There are so many that demonstrate as though they are worshipping, but there is nothing coming from their hearts; they are simply going through the motions. I cannot work in a heart that goes through the motions. But when you pour your heart out in worship I can work in you and through you. I can work change in your life.

## **OUR WORSHIP REACHES HEAVEN**

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*Pastor Jim: It's as though He was showing me what was happening in Heaven as we were worshiping. The best way I could describe it would be, it was like this misty cloud was rising up before the throne of God. As it was rising, it was growing and getting bigger. As it was doing this, the people that were around in Heaven begin to see it happening and they were running, running, running to get into the cloud. As they did, their hands began to rise up and they began to worship and they began to praise. The Lord said,*

The worship that reaches here from there has a greater *type* of value than the worship that takes place up here all the time. There is a reason for this: It's because up here they are in the purity of My presence and they know nothing but My presence on a continual basis. Up here, they are not distracted by their emotions, by the flesh, by their thoughts, by the natural things of the world.

For you see, down there you have to force yourself to worship through those thoughts and those emotions. You have to purpose in your heart and your mind that you are going to worship Me. When you release that worship from your spirit, it goes past those thoughts and past those emotions; past the flesh, past those distractions of the world, and it begins to come out of your spirit in a very pure way.

The worship that reaches here from down there has a different fragrance than the worship that is up here. You need to understand that the worship up here is very wonderful and it is very beautiful, but it is not exactly the same as the worship that reaches here from down there.

The days are short that this kind of worship is going to reach my throne. The days are coming when the purest form of worship that can exist will be something you will experience. But the pure worship that comes from your heart now is the type of worship that I cherish. You need to know that when that kind of worship reaches My throne it becomes an atmosphere and a presence that the people here want to be in because it costs you something that it doesn't cost them to worship Me.

*And as we were worshipping Him, there was a joy that began to spread in that cloud, and the people that were getting in it, I'm not talking about angels, I'm talking about the people, the saints that have gone before us, they were rushing to get in that cloud. And the moment they got into it, it was though their hands shot up and they began to worship right along with us and literally the sound of our worship was heard in heaven.*

## **MUSIC AND THE SPIRIT**

**20-050626**

*(Pastor Jim speaking) – During the worship service on Sunday morning I began to wonder why it is that a two-year old baby will start to move and dance when music begins to play, even if it is a song and the singers are not singing in the language of the baby's parents? I also thought of people who will begin to tap their feet, tap their fingers, tap a pencil on a desk, or begin to move*

*to the music, even subconsciously, and wondered why music has this effect on people. The Lord began to speak the following...*

It's because music has a way to penetrate the spirit that man has not yet discovered. Music was designed to help man have a deeper spiritual experience with Me. This is why there is so much in scripture about praising and worshiping Me. Your minds simply cannot comprehend the depths to which music can touch your spirit. Music is not a tangible thing, but it can be felt by your senses while being experienced by your spirit.

Satan knows this and has known it from the beginning. Music can open an avenue to your spirit. If the words accompanied by the music glorify the things of sin, then your spirit becomes susceptible to the temptations of that sin. This is how Satan is able to speak to so many people: he does it through the music they hear. Consider the stories you hear of criminals who said voices spoke to them and told them what to do while they listened to certain kinds of music.

Music can even be used to create an atmosphere. This is why certain kinds of music are exciting, some are relaxing, some are peaceful, and some are distracting. Have you not noticed that fast music and slow music can produce different kinds of behavior in people?

Satan has learned how to use various forms of music to create atmospheres wherein the presence of demons is tolerated and the people do not become fearful. It is in this kind of atmosphere that many horrible acts of sin can be planned.

I created music. What does my word say about Me? It says that I am a spirit and those that worship Me must worship Me in spirit and in truth. Thus, music is spiritual in nature because it originated with me. Yes, I created music, but Satan has perverted the original intent of music. Just like I am present in music that flows with My original intent, it is through that perversion that Satan and his devils are able to operate more effectively.

Consider what you know of many war-like cultures throughout history. Study them and examine the behavior they demonstrated before entering into battle. Most of them have used music to prepare for the battle. The purpose of that music and the songs they sing is to dull the senses. They can actually lose their sense of self-preservation. The music, its beat, and the songs and chanting create an almost hypnotic effect on the participants. In some cases, it opened them to devils who would fight through them. Think about the Gadarene demoniac and the devils which operated through him.

Music that is played to glorify Me can take you to a place in Me unlike anything else. As I said, music can open an avenue to your spirit. Remember how David would play music and the troubling spirit would leave King Saul? This same thing is true for today. The emotional problems a lot of people experience could be solved if they would just subject themselves to music that glorifies Me. Even if they do not sing along, just being in the atmosphere created by that music can bring about a healing.

When you do choose to sing along with the music, you can increase the effect that the music will have on you. It is very important that you focus on the words that you sing. This can cause you to become more sensitive to what I am doing in you through your worship.

You do not need to have music actually playing when you worship Me. My Word says to sing a new song unto Me. This does not mean that you have to have music; it means that you create the music as you sing. In your church, you call this free worship. It is something you can do almost anywhere at any time.

Now consider what My son, the apostle Paul wrote. As he taught the Corinthian church on the use of tongues and their manifestation, he said he would pray with the spirit and with the understanding, and he would sing with the spirit and with the understanding. He had a revelation of singing in tongues that few people have ever understood. Because of this lack of understanding, many people have unfairly criticized singing in tongues. They have prevented it, rebuked those who did it, and incorrectly taught about it. The result is that many of my children have missed out on much that I could have been doing in their lives.

Read again what Paul wrote to the Corinthians and leave his words in context. [*1 Cor. Chapter 14*] He said he would pray and sing with the spirit and with the understanding if he was in a congregational setting. He explained that the reason he would do this was in case there was someone next to him who did not understand what he was doing as he sang and prayed in tongues. But nowhere did he say he was *interpreting* the tongues he sang and prayed; just that he would do both with the spirit and with the understanding.

Now think about what you are doing when you pray in tongues. You are edifying yourself, but you do not have an instruction that you must have the interpretation of the tongues you pray. If you are at home praying in tongues, you do not have to immediately receive an interpretation of what you have prayed.

Notice that Paul made reference to singing in tongues right along with praying in tongues. When you pray in tongues it is Me, by the Holy Spirit, praying in you through you the very thing you need to pray at that moment. The result is that you are edified. When you sing in tongues, your spirit is singing, but your mind is unfruitful. Yet the words that come out are from Me by the Holy Spirit. This, too, will produce edification.

But, when you sing in tongues you are putting the words of your edification to music. Remember, again, that I said music can open an avenue to your spirit. As you speak those words in tongues, you are receiving edification in your spirit. But the music you create as you sing those tongues will enable me to minister to your spirit as you are edified.

Some have taught that that there must be an interpretation if a person sings in tongues. This is not true. I have at times given the gift of tongues and interpretation in song during a service, but just like praying in tongues, it is not necessary to always have an interpretation when singing in the spirit.

Once more, think of what Paul wrote about praying and singing with both the spirit and the understanding. He made reference to this happening in a congregational setting and he did not say he was interpreting the tongues of his prayer or his song. Therefore, know that it is acceptable for a congregation to both pray and sing with the spirit and the understanding.

Do not take all of this and go off on a tangent. Do not begin to think that you must sing in tongues every time you begin to edify yourself. This is how wrong doctrine comes about: truth is taken to an abnormal extreme and becomes an inappropriate dogma.

So again I say, I created music as a way to have a deeper experience with Me. If you choose to worship Me, particularly through your free worship in private and in your church services, you will have My presence. For some, the deeper experience that they are seeking with Me will come if they will enter into free worship.