

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND GOD'S ANOINTING

PART 8: DO YOU REALLY WORSHIP?

Psalms 21:1-13; Psalm 22:3, 22-29; Psalm 27:1-14

Acts 16:16-34 It's not always easy or convenient to praise because of circumstances, but it is always in order.

Revelation 4:1-11 Praise is eternal.

Isaiah 29:13 Too many focus on the act of praise instead of the One being praised.

Lamentations 3:22-25 The Holy Spirit will never put a church in a rut. Worshiping out of soul and emotions can result in feelings of being in a rut. Christians worshiping out of their born again heart will never feel that way. A true worshiper will never get bored with worship. A thankful heart seizes each opportunity to praise God.

Psalms 84:1-4; Psalm 146:1-2 Praise is not a warm-up exercise before the "real service" begins; praise should be a condition of the heart and a way of life that extends into a church service.

2 Chronicles 5:13-14; Psalm 133:1-3 Praise will help unify a church; but the anointing it releases can also have a purging effect.

Psalms 36:5-10 After praying and asking, do you worship or worry? Worshipers *cannot* worry, fret, carry burdens, feel pressured or stressed with anxiety; worship fills the soul with peace, giving worry no place to dwell. One byproduct of trust is worship.

TIME FOR GOD

August 25, 2007

You do not know how close you are to breaking into a new level of My glory and My presence. You must continue what you're doing; you must increase what you're doing. There must be greater intensity from you.

I will not ask you to do anything that you cannot do. This includes the time that I would ask you to spend with Me, either as a congregation or as an individual. I will not ask you to do more than what you can do.

Therefore, if I am calling you together as a congregation into My presence to pray and to worship and to hear from My Word, or if I'm calling you as an individual into My presence to spend time with me, know this: that what I'm calling you to do, I have already established the plan to help you do it. You will not be put out and you will not lose anything; you will only gain if you do what I say to do.

But it is the world in which you live, the world that you have constructed for yourself, the circumstance in which you live, man of which you have created for yourself; all of these things which mislead you and deceive you into thinking that you cannot give to me that which I ask of you.

But again I tell you, I will never ask you to give me what you cannot give me. I will never ask you to do what you cannot do. So rest assured in knowing that if you will obey me you will discover that you are able to do more than you thought you could do. For I am the creator of time itself; do you not think that I can help you work within the time you have to accomplish that which you need to do?

I can work in such a way to where it will almost seem like I have manipulated and altered time for you. Do what I call you to do. Respond...obey me...and know that I will move in your life.

NO DEPRESSION IN WORSHIP

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There are times that you have wondered why one worship service is different from the other. There are times that you have felt as though one worship service is more filled with Me than other worship services. However, I have said that I am seeking those who will worship Me in spirit and in truth; therefore, if you are worshipping Me in spirit and in truth, then you should know that I am there.

But I will tell you what makes the difference in many of your worship services. The enemy comes in very subtly to put a blanket of depression over many of you. I am not the author of depression. None of my children have ever lived with depression and received it from Me. Depression is something that is not a work of Me, it is not a work of My grace, and it is not a work of My life.

Yet, the enemy will many times work to put a blanket of depression over you as you come into a service, even before you leave your home. It's because of that, many of you at times will feel as though there is a blanket over the service. Well, it's not because I am not responding to your worship, because I have said in my word that I will respond to your worship, I said I will inhabit your praises.

Your emotions play a big role in how much you allow Me to do during your times of praise and worship. I say to you, that you can experience Me in a wonderful fashion in every worship service, but you are the key factor in this. If you feel as though there is a blanket, something suppressing, something holding back, a depression, then you must investigate your own feelings, your own attitudes – why you're feeling this way; because there is no depression, there is no holding back, there is no suppression in My presence.

So therefore, those times where you feel like a worship service is going nowhere, those are the times when you must press through those feelings and worship Me with an earnestness that is going forth from your heart; worship Me with a diligence that is all-encompassing, all-encompassing of your feelings. You must rise above those feelings and rise above that

depression – that feeling of being held back. You must do this. For when you worship Me, and truly worship Me in spirit and in truth, I promise you that I will be there, and I *am* there.

So, you never have to experience a “down” worship service. You can always experience an “up” worship service. My presence will be known in different ways in your worship services. But when you truly worship Me, I will always be there. So do not let yourself get distracted by what you perceive; press into my presence with your worship. Shake off the shackles of feelings that would hold you back and know that I am there.

SEEDS OF CONFESSION
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Just as you worship Me and praise Me and speak My Word, I would have you know that your words of worship, your words of praise and your words of confession go forth as seeds. And they are sown in the realm of the spirit and they will take root and they will grow and they will begin to produce fruit. And as they go forth and are sown, it is as though they are scattered into a spiritual wind and when they land, they land in places where they are the most effective.

When they land, they land in places that the enemy has claimed for his own. But these seeds will grow. They will sink deep roots and they will begin to grow and disrupt the things of the enemy. And when fruit comes forth, it will be poisonous to the enemy for the enemy cannot eat the spiritual fruit that comes forth from the praise and worship and confessions and prayers of My children.

I say what you have done this night is you have sown much, much seed throughout this world. This night you had even interceded for those in other nations as well as your own. The day is going to come and what you have done tonight, it will manifest as a great victory in this world.

I say this to you, to encourage you that nights like this are not wasted times. They are times of great glory. They are times that bring honor unto Me. I look for churches that will do things like this and every time a congregation offers up to Me the time to do these kinds of things, I move in a mighty way. I speak to you this night and I tell you that My blessings are upon you for honoring Me this night.