

INSPIRED WORD

January 28, 2015

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 134: 1 – 2: Come, praise the Lord, all His servants, all who serve in His Temple at night. Raise your hands in prayer in the Temple, and praise the Lord!

IMAGE

I had an Image of the 'saints come marching in', and it had a great amount of joy in it. They were praising God with such freedom.

PRAYER

Lord, we want to be free and to have the grace to praise You with freedom tonight. We want the grace to sing to You from the depths of our hearts, and to move our bodies freely in praising You. We want to be free in Your Holy Presence, Lord God!

SCRIPTURE

Acts 3: 1 – 10: Peter Heals the Crippled Beggar: One day Peter and John were going up to the Temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the Temple, which was called Beautiful Gate, to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the Temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us!" So he looked at them, expecting to get something from them. But Peter said to him, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. He jumped up, stood and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him.

SENSE / SCRIPTURE

As we were praying with each other and our prayers were rising up, I had a sense of the Lord Jesus being very present in this place. It was as if He had a huge basket and He was going around to each little group who were praying. As you lifted up your prayers to the Lord, they were going into the basket that the Lord held. He was gathering all of our prayers to take to the Father. He wanted us to know that He was walking among us and taking our prayers to the Father. I also had this sense too that it was similar to what the prophet Malachi says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse..." (**Malachi 3: 10**) It was almost as if, by our prayers, we were giving a tithe of our hearts to the Lord, and He was lifting them up to the Father. And it continues in **Malachi 3: 10**: The Lord says, "See if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." So in this community here tonight, I really believe that He wants to pour down upon us His overflowing blessing.

SENSE

Do you remember what it is like when many young children get together and they are all happy, talking and being gentle with each other, and there is no arguing? I had a sense

that that was what God was feeling when we were praying over each other with kindness and care. I just felt that God was so pleased with us when we were doing this.

SCRIPTURE / SENSE / PROPHECY

John 6: 60 – 68: Jesus had spent His time telling the disciples and the people who were around Him that He was the Bread of Life, that His Body was real food, that His Blood was real drink. “Then many of His disciples who were listening said, ‘This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?’ But Jesus, being aware that His disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray Him. And He said, ‘This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted by the Father.’ Because of this many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, ‘Do you also want to leave?’ Simon Peter answered Him, ‘To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’” What I heard God saying to these words as I read this Scripture was: God has come to lay bare our own thoughts. He has come to lay bare our own lives and selfishness, our hard-heartedness. He is going to do this and it is going to be painful, but He does this not for the pleasure of having us feel the pain, but rather through that laying bare and through those things that are open, the healing can come. His Word can penetrate, can soften even my hardened heart. God is saying to us, “Let Me open you up; let Me lay you bare, so that I can penetrate that hardness, to soften you, because I want to be your food! I want to be your drink! I want you to experience Me daily.”

CONFIRMATION / PROPHECY

I have a confirmation. I hear Jesus saying, “I have opened the gate. We are face to face and shoulder to shoulder.”

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 63: 1 – 5: O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen You in the Sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory. Because Your love is better than life; my lips will glorify You. I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your Name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise You.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5: 22 – 26: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

IMAGE

I had an image of an active radar screen. I was getting that feeling of desperation as I wanted something to show up on the radar screen. But then I thought that is what is needed; the Lord needs to be the blip that shows up on our radar screens. We need to keep our sights on Him and keep Him on our radar screens.

CONFIRMATION

I want to confirm that. When we give our prayers to God, as we did earlier when praying for each other, we are saying to God that He is in charge, not us. And that frees up our souls to let in the light, to see God, to see His truth, and to see the things that He wants us to see. It frees us from all fears, sorrows, anger and the negative things in our lives – we have given them up to God.

TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

At the suffering, I took the death for you. My Blood was poured out for you. My Body was broken for you. My love is given to you. My blessings are given to you. My mercy is given to you. My life is given to you. My beloved children, know that I am with you always!

INTERPRETATION

It is not about what you do for Me, it is about what I do for you, My children!

INTERPRETATION

A new heart I will give you, and a new Spirit I will put within you. I will remove from your bodies the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. The Lord says, “Do you see what I have done among you here tonight, My people? Where there have been hearts of stone, I the Lord, have replaced them with hearts of flesh. And you know what a heart of flesh is like – it is a heart that can love, but it can also receive love. It is a heart that cares, and it also can receive care. It is a heart that can be broken, but healed, it can love again and again. When you accept the heart of flesh, you accept My Heart into your very being. I do become the air you breathe, and I know that you are desperate for Me, but I say to you, “I have removed the stony hearts and replaced them with hearts of flesh.”

SUMMARY / PRAYER

That is good news! It seemed to me tonight that the Lord was trying to draw closer and closer to us as we drew closer to Him. It seemed to me that in the words of the songs that we sang, the Lord was actually singing them back to us. Tonight when we sang – ‘Draw me close to You..’, He is asking each one of us to draw Him closer to ourselves. When we sang ‘Never let me go..’, He is saying to us, “I will never let you go!” In the song ‘You are my desire..’, as we sang that to the Lord, He is saying to us, “You are **My** desire!” In the song ‘You are all I want..’, Jesus is saying, “You are all that **I want!**” In the song ‘Never let me go, no one else will do, no one else can take Your place..’, these are the words that the Lord is speaking to us. The Lord was telling us that the desire within His Heart was to come closer to each one of us. He is showing us His zeal for each one of us as we show our zeal for Him. Do you remember that Image of the basket earlier this evening? The Lord was walking among us with the basket in His hands and He was taking all the prayers that we offered up, and rushing them into the Father’s hands. How much closer could He come to each of us? Lord, we thank You and praise You for being present here tonight! Amen.