

INSPIRED WORD

June 10, 2015

PRAYER

Lord, we come before You tonight. You are magnified in the sound of our voices and the joy of our hearts, and it is a gift of our lives which we offer and bring before You. Lord God, be present here tonight, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, and Jesus be with us; let us know the Shepherd's voice and truly rejoice in Your Presence. We ask this in Your most holy Name, Lord Jesus!

EXHORTATION

We are talking about moving around here in the sanctuary and sitting in different seats, instead of always sitting in the same place every week. The first question is "Why do we have to move to different seats?" We need to get out of our comfort zones and meet other people who are here. Maybe we need to sit somewhere else here and let other people sit in those seats from which we have moved. Maybe we need to sit in a seat next to the aisle, so that we can move into the aisle and worship and praise more freely. Do you think that the Lord is calling you to do that? Or maybe the Lord is calling you to sit in the middle, so that other people may sit near or around you. We need to sit closer together. Do we want to sit closer to the Music Ministry, or on the end or in the middle of a row of seats? I am going to ask you to move forward and move to the left or the right; notice that I did not say 'move backwards'. Try moving to a different seat, at least for a week. You know we don't have our names on our chairs here. I want to ask you to do something else too – if someone who is sitting next to you goes up to the microphone and shares something, pat them on the shoulder when they return to their seats and thank them for sharing. Also be expectant about these new people who are sitting near you. So now is the time to move to different seats tonight.

SENSE / SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

Do you remember that last week the Lord was having us focus on the Charismatic Gifts? Didn't it seem that He wanted to make us more aware of His gifts? Didn't it seem that He wanted us to ask for them, to accept them, receive them and then use them? I think that what the Lord is saying to us, more powerfully as a community, is that when He gives us a word, He wants us to accept it in our hearts and do something with it. Last week the Lord said that He had gifts that He wanted to give us. So the question would be, 'Did we ask for those gifts?' And if we received any gifts, did we do anything with them? We have another opportunity to ask Him for those Charismatic Gifts again tonight. Last week the Lord told us that He has many gifts for each one of us, as it states in **1 Corinthians 12** in **Spiritual Gifts**. That is His promise to each one of us and these gifts are for the benefit of the whole body of Christ. They are not to be kept within ourselves. Some of those gifts are Prophetic Word, Inspired Image, Inspired Scripture, message in Tongues, Prayer Tongues and there are more. We may experience all of these gifts here tonight. But if the Lord gives us a message to share, we need to get up and share it with everyone. The message that we receive may not be just for us, but for someone else. He wants it to be heard by everyone in this

community! We need to act on the blessings which He gives us! We also need to invite others to join us here in this praise and worship group; during our conversation with someone, give them one of our Charismatic Praise and Worship cards as an invitation to come here. That is our invitation to them and God will do the rest!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34: 1 – 3: “I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His Name together.” That is what we want to do here tonight.

EXHORTATION / PRAYER

The greatest prayer is the prayer of **praise**, where we can praise God, not for anything we want, but because He is our Lord and for Whom He is! That is our primary purpose when we come together here in this place – it is to minister unto the Lord; to give Him that praise. So look to Him, give Him glory and honor from the depths of our hearts. There is no greater prayer which we can give Him!! Lord, here we are, Your people gathered here, and we are truly loved by You! We come to turn our hearts and voices to You and we lift up our eyes to You. We ask for Your grace that we might enter into this praise, Lord! Send down Your Holy Spirit upon us to free us, so that we are open to all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit here tonight; but most of all, that our hearts may be open to Your love. We give You praise and glory, Lord!

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Amos 3: 1 – 7: “Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt: You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? Does a lion roar in the forest, when it has no prey? Does the young lion cry out from its den, if it has caught nothing? Does a bird fall into a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing? Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster befall a city, unless the Lord has done it? Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets.” Father, we thank You that You have chosen to speak to Your prophets, and that You have chosen to speak to the prophetic gift in these last days. We ask that You cause us to be willing to speak forth the things that You have ordained that we should speak; that we would rise up and come forward and say the things that You want us to say. We praise You, we exalt You, and we magnify Your holy Name, Lord God, in all ways. For You are worthy of all glory and honor, worthy of all praise! We magnify, glorify and exalt Your holy Name, for You alone are worthy of all honor, praise and glory!! Hallelujah to the Lamb, the holy Lamb of God!!

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Psalm 95: 1 – 3, 6: “O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into His Presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our

Maker!" Thank You, O Lord! We praise and glorify Your holy Name. We, Your people, come into Your Presence, into this place to give You the praise that is due Your holy Name!

SCRIPTURE

We just sang in that last song that it is the year of jubilee, let salvation come. In the book of **Leviticus** in the Old Testament, the jubilee year is mentioned and every fiftieth year the slaves and prisoners are to be freed, debts would be forgiven, and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest. Now look what Jesus has done, it is always a jubilee, and we don't have to wait fifty years. (**Reference: Leviticus 25 – The Year of Jubilee**)

SENSE / PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

I have a sense that there are still some here who feel they haven't overcome. You are worried about all those things that you allow to bring you down – the sins, the pain, the abuse, or whatever it is. You are worried about those things that hold you back from really allowing God to love you the way He wants to love you – the way you ultimately want to be loved. He is saying, "I have overcome! **I have overcome!!**" Jesus has the victory and if you want Him to be victorious and open up that part of your lives, the first thing you have to do is declare defeat – lay down all of those things that have you bound up within you!! Lay down your armor, so that He can clothe you in His, so that He can give you the sword of the Word, so that He can give you the breastplate of righteousness and to proclaim the gospel. God says to you, "No, you didn't overcome, **I did!!!**" So who is it that we need to acknowledge who has overcome? What He calls clean, we are **not** to call unclean!! We are to say, "Yes, Lord, I will clean and eat because You have called this clean." **We walk in victory!!** No matter what those things are, lay them at His feet! If you pick them up tomorrow or days to come, lay them all down again at His feet, because He is victorious!!

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I want to confirm that. I was reading **1 Maccabees** and Judas Maccabeus and his men were standing in front of thousands of elephants and soldiers and they are going to get killed. Judas calls his men together and he prays. He stretched out his hands toward them and called on the Lord for His wonders for he knew that victory in battle does not depend on the size of the army, but it is the Lord's power that determines the outcome. As they went forward, they fought with their hands, praying to God in their hearts. (**Reference: 1 Maccabees Chapter 3: The Victories of Judas – Chapter 5**) It is a gain or victory for those who deserve it. So it is not how we praise, it is what God has done for us. He has already done that.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6: 1 – 9: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to

stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21: 1 – 5: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I, John, saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God Himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” The One Who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” Then He said, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.”

PROPHECY

When I heard these words I thought they were just for me, but then I realized it was for everyone here who has a wounded heart. What I heard Him telling me was, “You have been taking all of the arrows in your heart, but from this day on, I am going to go in front of you to shield you from any hurt and pain. I will protect you from the arrows of the evil one.”

IMAGE / PROPHECY / SENSE

When we were talking about strongholds and keeping our eyes on the Lord, I had an Image of a person who was chained to what looked like a stake in the ground. They were chained and they really had been trying to get away from it. They were feeling so hopeless that they just couldn’t escape from it. And the Lord said, “You have been looking at the chain and thinking that it is the chain which has been holding you. Look at the stake and see the soft ground that I have softened with My mercy, and then walk free. You don’t need to look at the chain; know that you are already free.” I believe that this word is specifically for someone here tonight who has been focusing on the chain. The Lord says, “Look at the chain no longer, but see that My mercy has set you free.”

IMAGE / PROPECY / SENSE

When Barb was sharing her Image about the chain being staked to ground, I had a similar Image. It was of a person who had a really thick chain around their feet and that person couldn’t move, they were all bound up by that thick heavy chain. It was held end to end by a lock. Accept in this Image, the lock was unlocked. The message was the same that Jesus has been telling us all night. “I wear the victor’s crown.” If you are bound up by this heavy chain, and all of us are at some point, Jesus has overcome it, it is unlocked, but you still have to shake it off. You have to shake the chain off and walk away from it. I have a Sense that someone here is very bound up – I feel that.

IMAGE

I had an Image of a very tall green curtain, and it is slowly being pulled back. I have been asking what it means, but I don't have the meaning of the curtain.

PROPHECY

My beloved, you are not orphaned; you never were! When you felt that I had walked away, I was as close as your heart. I was holding you; had I not been holding you, you would have been much farther away. But instead, I held you tight to Myself, and when you were in storms, I calmed your heart. When you were in turmoil, I gave you peace. When you were hurting, I gave you joy. You are not orphans! **You are Mine!** As I have said before, you are My precious beloved!

PROPHECY

Don't be afraid to sow the seed on the rocky ground. I, the Lord, can send rain to move the firm ground to cover the rocks.

SCRIPTURE

In the Gospel of **Matthew**, it says: "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." (**Reference: Matthew 18: 12 – 14**) Isn't that what the Lord has been telling us all night in the Images and Words? Regardless of whom we are, or what we are going through, no matter how far we go down, or how depressed we become, or how big the burden is on our shoulders, it is good news to know that God is going to come after us. He will not give up on us!! We thank You, Jesus!!