

INSPIRED WORD
November 9, 2016

SCRIPTURE

Sheets of paper, with scriptural verses on them, were handed out tonight. On each sheet one scripture verse had a checkmark in front of it. Whoever had a verse with a checkmark on it got up and read that particular scripture.

These are the scripture readings:

Psalm 33: 1 – 4:

All of you who are righteous, shout for joy for what the Lord has done; praise Him, all you that obey Him. Give thanks to the Lord with harps, sing to Him with stringed instruments. Sing a new song to Him, play the harp with skill, and shout for joy! The words of the Lord are true, and all His works are dependable.

Psalm 47: 1, 6:

Clap your hands for joy, all peoples! Praise God with loud songs! Sing praise to God; sing praise to our King!

Psalm 50: 23: Giving thanks is the sacrifice that honors Me, and I will surely save all who obey Me.

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!

Psalm 84: 1 – 2: How I love Your Temple, Lord Almighty! How I want to be there! I long to be in the Lord's Temple. With my whole being I sing for joy to the living God.

Psalm 95: 1 – 2, 6: Come, let us praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God, Who protects us! Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise. Come, let us bow down and worship Him; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Psalm 105: 1 – 2: Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim His greatness; tell the nations what He has done. Sing praise to the Lord; tell the wonderful things He has done.

Psalm 149: 1 – 3: Praise the Lord! Sing a new song to the Lord; praise Him in the assembly of His faithful people! Be glad, Israel, because of your Creator; rejoice, people of Zion, because of your King! Praise His name with dancing; play drums and harps in praise of Him.

EXHORTATION

These verses, which we just heard, are all little indicators to help us to get in the mindset of using our bodies in praise too, not just our voices. So tonight let's ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the freedom of praise and to step out a little bit beyond our

comfort zone. Our Lord deserves it and He wants us to be a people of praise, a people of freedom and joy.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24: 7 – 10: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is He, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty, He is the King of glory.

IMAGE

As we were singing these praise songs, I had this image: I was standing in a field and lifting up praises to the Lord. He was filling the whole sky, filling the whole world. His Presence was everywhere and He was so big. There was no end to it, He just filled everything. Then in the next song, I saw the words, 'Emanuel, God with us'. Here is this God Who is so big that He fills the whole world, and yet He can sit down with us and hold us and teach us in our times of need.

TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

My beloved, I love you! Come, follow Me!

INTERPRETATION

The shofar announces My coming, I will be with you soon.

INTERPRETATION

I will give you a joy that you can't see now.

SENSE / PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

A few minutes ago, we heard a message in Tongues. I believe the Lord has asked me to say that there is more to that message which was not shared. There is more to that word for this community. He has been telling us all night about the joy of praise, the joy of thanksgiving, the joy that He wants us to experience in our hearts. I believe that part of the message that was spoken was something like this: "When the praises that you speak to Me come from deep within your hearts, those are the words that reach to My very ears." I think that there is more to this word, and I think that the Lord wants us to experience that joy. I think He wants us to sit with that joy, so that we can raise our hands to Him, raise our minds to Him, raise our eyes to Him, and raise our hearts to Him, so that all of the words we do speak to Him will reach His very ears.

PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

My beloved, I have given you a word, but it has not been spoken. I say to you now, My beloved, it is very important that you speak the words that I give you. **You are, at this time, in a nation where the people are hurting. These people must know that I love them, for it is My love that will bring healing.** So I say to you now, My beloved

ones, be brave, be courageous! **When you hear the words that I give you, do not hold them back, but speak them for they need to be heard.** And, yes indeed, I love your praises! A question was asked earlier as to what it is like when you pour out your praises to Me. I say to you, they are like a child who sings, they are like a child who dances, they are like the rain that refreshes, but most importantly, they are a love that flows from Me to you. And that love needs to be spoken, that love needs to be shared. So listen carefully, My beloved ones, **I need you to carry forth My word, I need you to carry forth My love. Trust in Me, believe in Me, and surrender to Me! I need you, I need you as you need Me!**

EXHORTATION

God needs us! God needs us to be the kind words spoken, to be the gentle touch, to be the comfort, the love, to help people to heal. He needs us to help people find peace, to be at peace with one another, and to know that we are all one, all children of the one truly living God! We are the instruments, the hands, the feet, the mouth, the ears, to listen, to speak, and to heal.

CONFIRMATION / EXHORTATION / SCRIPTURE

I think that those words were right on, and what has been going through my mind are the words, "They will know we are Christians by our love." Too often the world thinks of us as Christians by a stance that we take or a political view that we hold – and those are rightly Christian. But what is important is that people should see and know that we are Christians **by our love.** (References: **John 13: 34 – 35:** As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. **Also a hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians")

SHARING / EXHORTATION

What I got from the words was that God loves us so very much and He recognizes that we are loving and praising Him. He knows that it is hard for us to take it 'out there'. He knows that we want to do that, and He understands our difficulties. But He says that we can share our stories with others; that what we need to do is share our stories and our love for Him with others. We don't need to get into any kind of deep theological discussion, but just share the love we have for Him, and how much He loves each and every one of us.

EXHORTATION

As Christians we should **advance** into the world, **advance** into the areas that need the love of Christ; **advance** into society, **advance** into the culture, **advance** into those places that really need to hear the truth. Be a messenger of God's truth, His love, and a bearer of His light.

