

INSPIRED WORD
October 3, 2018

PRAYER

God, here we are. We're going to praise You for Your victory.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

In the **Revelation** of the Lord Jesus Christ (**22:1-5, 16-17**): *And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and the Lamb. In the middle of it, straying on either side of the river, was the tree of life which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him; they shall see his face and his name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever. I, Jesus, have sent my angels to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who thirsts say, "Come." Whoever desires, let him take the waters of life freely.* Lord, we thank You for this water of life. We thank You for Your presence. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name. For You are the Lamb, the holy Lamb of God. We thank You for Your healing touch; we praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name, magnify and glorify and exalt Your holy name.

SCRIPTURE

This is one of those examples of how God just puts these evenings together because I started coming up here even before that song was sung but this is going to sound real familiar to phrases in that song, and again, I was given this before we even sang it. This is from **Judith 16:13-15**: *I will sing to my God a new song; O Lord, thou art great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let all thy creatures serve thee, for thou didst speak, and they were made. Thou didst send forth thy Spirit, and it formed them; there is none that can resist thy voice. To those who fear thee thou wilt continue to show mercy.* But it says that exact line: I will sing to my God a new song.

SCRIPTURE

The beginning of **Psalms 34:1-3**: *I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad. Glory the Lord with me; let us together exalt his name!*

PRAYER

Thank You for that scripture, Lord, and for that word. We want to glorify You with our hearts, Lord. Praise You! Let us with loud voice, people of God, with loud voice.

SHARING

I don't know if any of you saw the Rockies game last night that went in to extra innings against the Cubs but there was a moment that really struck me and it was when the third baseman caught a ball and the runner at second was running toward him and the runner at second put out his arms like this, and the third baseman had to tag him but he just kind of went into a big, big hug. And I've never seen a hug like that on baseball. Now sometimes the team hugs each other and all that but when you have an opposing team and you're fighting for the goal, and you knew... and they said there was no way they could call interference because the third baseman patted the other man on the back like you would if you were a friend. And to me it was like, wow, you know, you see these things that are God in the middle of a baseball game.

CONFIRMATION

This song wasn't planned because of what Cici's talk was about but where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom so this song is confirmation to what Cici just shared. Isn't it amazing how the Holy Spirit has everything orchestrated? It is just amazing.

EXHORTATION

I'm going to ask that we sing this song again and to just go a little bit further from what Cici was saying. You know, there are verses in that song... "Lift your eyes to heaven" and then, "showers of mercy and grace falling on every face." You know, if you're looking down, or if you're looking straight ahead, it can't really fall on your face. So lift your eyes to heaven, lift your face to heaven and see if that makes a difference when we sing this.

SCRIPTURE

And just really quickly, I was reading in the Gospel of **Mark 10:46-52**: *Then they came to Jericho, as Jesus and his disciples together with a large crowd were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet; but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up; on your feet. He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "Your faith has healed you."*

SENSE / IMAGE / PRAYER

I also think we should sing that song again but I'd like to share a vision I had with you before we sing it again. First, I got a message. I knew it was from Jesus, and He said into my heart and mind, "You barely know me." But it wasn't a slight; it was an invitation. And then I had the vision of Jesus with this look on His face that was kind of like "Come with me. Come with me." And it was irresistible. And the call is for all of us. And I think Jesus wants all of us to know, "I want to know you more. Do you want to know me more? Come with me. I have more love, more power, more forgiveness, more mercy, more compassion, more kindness, more joy than you're having right now. Come with me!" O Lord Jesus, we pray right now, we say, "O Lord, we want to know You. We want to know You. We want all that You have to give us. We want that deeper relationship. Lord, reveal Yourself to us. Make us open to it. Amen."

SHARING / CONFIRMATION

I have spoken to a couple of people recently and they want to know about hanging out with God, hanging out with Jesus. And it's been several people over the past weeks. And I told them, you know, "I really love to hang out with God. I love to hang out with Jesus and I love to hang out with the people of God. But you know what? He wants to hang out with us a whole lot more than we want to hang out with Him." And that's the bottom line there. He is a lot more interested in being around us than we are in being around Him. We hardly know Him and He wants us to come into His presence because He's the one that wants us there. So I strongly confirm what our sister says.

IMAGE / CONFIRMATION

And as we sing that song again, just to confirm all of this, as we sang "There is freedom", my sense was that I saw like a big chain. And the person or the people were like, "I can't go because there's a big chain." And when Laura and Jimmie and the people that gave their word, it was like Jesus said, "That chain isn't attached to anything. I have set you free. Come, follow me. Come, be with me. Come, know me."

EXHORTATION

I'd like you to close your eyes and place your hands in front of you. And in your hands picture the chain that was just described. It could be skinny and light like a necklace chain or it could be massive links like a ship anchor chain. But hold the chain that is holding you back in your hands and in your heart. And Lord, we just give it to You and we dump it at the foot of the cross where it belongs. Just dump it. Let your hands go and watch that chain fall to the foot of the cross, and leave it there, because the Spirit of the Lord is here and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And you do not need that chain anymore, because His love will hold you close and lift you up.

PRAYER

Let's just welcome the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, and settle on Your people here in this place. Fill it with Your holy glory.

PROPHECY / EXHORTATION / PRAYER

I hear the words: Come to me. Come to me for deeper surrender. Come to me. Come to me; I wait for you. Come. Do not be afraid. Do not be hesitant. Come to me. And the Holy Spirit is touching our hearts right now saying, "I want you to come to the Lord Jesus in deeper surrender right now tonight. I call you. I want you to come right now, right now to a deeper surrender to the Lord Jesus tonight, and to a fresh empowerment of His Holy Spirit." If the Lord is touching your heart for that, stand on your feet. We want to surrender to You more deeply, right now, right here in this place, Lord. O Jesus, take our lives, take our hearts, take our wills. We offer them to You right now, in deeper surrender to Your lordship. O Lord, You call us deeper; You call us by name, deeper into a relationship with You, deeper into surrender to You, Lord. We pray for You right now to pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon us in power, renewed power for Your mission. We welcome You. Come, Holy Spirit. Let us be the hands of Jesus, the heart of Jesus. Fill us with the love of Jesus. Glory to You, Lord.

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

Psalm 105:4-6: *Seek Yahweh and His strength. Tirelessly seek his presence. Remember the marvels God has done, his wonders, his judgments he has spoken, the stock of Abraham, his servant, the children of Jacob whom He chose. He is Yahweh, our God. His judgments touch the whole world and he remembers his covenant for ever, the promise He laid down for a thousand generations, which he made with Abraham and the oath He swore to Isaac. Give thanks to Yahweh. Call upon His name and proclaim His name to the peoples. Sing to Him, make music for Him and count His wonders and rejoice. Rejoice! Glory in His holy name and let the hearts that seek Yahweh rejoice. Amen.*

EXHORTATION

Praise for God will remove obstacles, defeat the enemy, rebuke fear, silence unbelief, and send demons trembling. Start your day with praise for the Lord because He's worthy and as the sun is setting on your day praise Him just the same. He's worthy. Beloved, when you don't know what to do, praise Him. When you don't know what to say, praise Him. When you don't know how, when or why, praise Him. Praise is your instrument to play before God. May you pick it up today and play it loudly.

CONFIRMATION

Amen! O yes, Lord! Praise Him!

SHARING / IMAGE

Just as you guys were coming forward and there was prayer going over them, and they were kneeling before God, I could see the angels up there cavorting over them. It's just like they were rejoicing. It wasn't the Holy Spirit; it was the angels. And they were just beside themselves with joy at what was happening here. And they were beside themselves rejoicing at what was happening in this place. So much of the time I don't share what I see, because I see a lot of things. And it's nothing to build me up because that's not what it's about, but I can see a lot of time. And this time I could see very clearly the angels. Not only were they joining in with our praise and our worship of God, joining with the Holy Spirit in what He was doing, but they were rejoicing over these that had knelt before Him wanting a deeper walk and come closer to God. And I just wanted to communicate that to anybody that wanted to hear it.

PRAYER

So Lord, we affirm Your holy presence here with us, for the touch of Your grace. We thank You for Your word; we thank You for Your anointing; we thank You for Your call. Wrap us, O Lord, in Your love, and send us forth to be proclaimers of that love.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95:1-3: *Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation! Let us greet him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing songs to him. For the Lord is the great God, and a great King above all gods.* And **Psalm 96:1-8:** *Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all you lands! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; announce his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations, among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. For great is the Lord and highly to be praised; awesome is he beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of naught, but the Lord made the heavens, splendor and majesty go before him; praise and grandeur are in his sanctuary. Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord glory and praise. Give to the Lord the glory due his name.*