

INSPIRED WORD September 9, 2015

SCRIPTURE / TEACHING / EXHORTATION

Before we begin praise and worship tonight, I would like us to look at **1 Corinthians 12** which talks about the Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit. When we gather here, we are called to be open and to yield to those gifts, and in this Scripture it states that these gifts are given to everyone, no one is excluded from these gifts. It is very important, my brothers and sisters, to be open to these Gifts of the Holy Spirit; it is very important for us not to be timid, nor to worry and over-think when God touches you. It may be through an image, a Scripture, a word, or whatever He gives you. It happens very gently – a word in your mind, or an image in your mind. When God touches you, it is important to remember that He wants you to be a messenger of that gift that He is giving you. He wants to use you for someone else, so we yield to those gifts out of caring for someone else. We have got to break through any fear, any timidity, any self-consciousness, any worry that we are not going to say or do something right, any feelings of not being worthy, or whatever the circumstance may be. If you believe that God is touching you tonight, yield to that gift and come up here and share it – even if it is only one or two words. Just give whatever you get and God will take care of the rest! When He asks us to step out in faith, He asks us to believe that He wants to touch us and work through us, to believe that He wants to talk to us, to receive the gift and then give it out to others.

SCRIPTURE

The first time this happened to me, I was walking from my car in the parking lot to the church building, and **Psalms 16** just popped into my mind. It can happen just as simple as that. This is **Psalms 16**: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You." As for the saints in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows, their libations of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot. The lines have fallen from me in pleasant places; yes, I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord Who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure. For You do not give me up to Sheol, or let your guilty one see the Pit. You show me the path of life; in Your Presence there is a fullness of joy, in Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

EXHORTATION

When we come to praise God, it is important to know Who it is that we are praising. What we don't want to do is fall into a mechanical way of praising. The Scripture in **Psalms 16**, which Denise just read, was very meaningful.

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for bringing us together here tonight as the body of Christ! Glory to You, O Lord! Thank You, Lord, for wiping away our tears; thank You for

hearing us when we call out to You; thank You for strengthening us when we stumble; thank You for calling us back when we stray from You. O Lord, we thank You for Your love! We love You, Lord!

SCRIPTURE

Genesis: Chapter 1: 1 – 5, 26 – 31: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light ‘day,’ and the darkness He called ‘night.’ And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.” Each day God created something else until the end. “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’ Then God said, ‘I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it - I give every green plant for food.’ God saw all that He made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day.

Chapter 2: 1 – 3: Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.” Such is the story of heaven and earth as they were created. Each of us were created in the image of God, part of the whole, part of a network of all creation. God saw it and He said, “It is good!” You are good; we all are good!

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE / PROPHECY

This is going to sound like a contradiction, but it really is an affirmation of that creation story which we have just heard. There is one person here in this assembly right now, who, having heard all that, feels like it is lost to them. Years ago, when I was praying with someone over some needs that I had to release, they said, “Let all of your pain and your sins go; let Jesus have them.” With tears in my eyes, I said, “I don’t know if I can do that because I don’t want Him to suffer that much!” What they said to me at that time, and what I say to you here tonight is what God said, “It is already done! He is not going to suffer anymore than He already has. It is finished!!” God wants to tell this person here tonight, “You are a part of this beautiful creation that I made, and I made you a part of it. I made you to look like Me! If you would but let yourself be forgiven; if you would but let go of this shame and the pain, of the alienation, of the guilt from the sin, I have made you and in all of this beautiful creation that you have just heard, you are the cornerstone because I made you like Me.

CONFIRMATION

I confirm that because I had the very same thing. When this person heard these words of love, they felt like turning away and they were thinking that those words can't be for them. But, like Paul just said, "**Those words are for you!**"

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I have one more confirmation – God is really doing something here tonight. Before Cece read the creation story in Genesis, He gave me this verse which I didn't really understand at the moment, but it now makes sense. **Ephesians 1: 3 – 9:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will – to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ.

SHARING / EXHORTATION

Earlier tonight, for whatever reason, I looked at these yellow flowers and it made me think of sunshine. I didn't know what that meant, so I left it alone. But then Deacon Chuck got up and started talking about that person here who was kind of cowering away from God. It reminded me of the talk that I had with my son this morning; I was telling him how sunflowers always turn toward the sun. Whoever the person here is, who is suffering and cowering, they have to keep their eyes on Jesus, the Son, because then they can't focus on all of the bad things in their life. Keep your eyes focused on the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

IMAGE / SENSE

That song was a confirmation of the image which the Lord gave me. I saw a lamb and it just seemed to be wandering all over. Then the lamb stopped, and the Lord picked up the lamb and cuddled it close to His chest. I felt that this is for someone here who was lost and now the Lord is letting them know that they don't have to feel lost because He is there for that person.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5: 1 – 8: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Whom He has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

PROPHECY

I desire to speak to each of you, in this silence I desire that you hear the words that I speak to you. All night I have called you, and all of you have heard My call. But, My beloved ones, it sorrows Me because there are still some of you who do not believe that I call you. Do you not yet understand My great love for each and everyone of you? Do you not yet understand that I leave no one out? **I leave no one behind!** I will walk with you and I will carry you, but, My beloved ones, you must understand that I call you and that I love you. **You must trust those words, My beloved ones!** You hesitate because you say, “Not I; He calls others, but He does not call me.” Many, many, many need Me and I need you, **you specifically**, you know who you are. You have sat there tonight and you have heard the call, but you have doubted. Now I say to you, My beloved ones, I have called you specifically, because there are others who need to hear My call. I desire you, **you specifically** – no one else – to carry My word to them! Unless you trust, My beloved ones, and unless you believe that I am calling you, they will not hear, they will not come and they will not understand! Yes, My beloved ones, the pressure is great, but **My love and My power are greater, if only you accept it.** And so I say once again to you, My beloved ones, you who have sat there quietly all night long and have said, “Not I”, I say to you, **“Yes, it is you; it is you whom I call!** It is you who needs to accept My love and accept My strength, and respond. **It is time, My beloved, it is time!** You have heard My call, and if you say ‘yes’, I will be there immediately to pick you up, to carry you and to love you!!”