

When Wings Begin to Praise

Opening Statement:

Tonight there are three groups of people here: the spiritually alive, the spiritually dead and those caught in the middle. With most Christians, their level of anointing is not keeping up with the battle! The presence of God is about you, but there is no manifestation. There is no Power!

Acts 1:5, 8

- The first key of understanding is to read exactly what the scripture is saying:
 1. Power - 1411 *dunamis* (doo'-nam-is); force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.
 2. Notice the words "After that" – it is very important to hear me clearly on this. "After that" has no Greek or Hebrew definition, meaning that the two words were added from the original translation. This is very critical because many have put a lot of emphasis on those two words.
 3. Upon - 1909 *epi* (ep-ee'); a primary preposition; properly, meaning superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.), as a relation of distribution [with the genitive case], over, upon, etc.; of rest (with the det.) at, on, etc.; of direction (with the accusative case) towards, upon, etc.

Acts 2:1-4

1. Wind - pnoe (pno-ay'); respiration, a breeze: breath, wind.
 2. Fire - pur (poor); (literally or figuratively, specifically, lightning):
 3. Sat - kathizo (kath-id'-zo); to seat down, set (figuratively, appoint); intransitively, to sit (down); figuratively, to settle (hover, dwell): tarry.
 4. Utterance - phtheggomai (ftheng'-gom-ahee); to utter a clear sound, i.e. (generally) to proclaim: speak.
- Don't make the mistake of reading over the top of verse 4. Listen very closely to what it is saying.

Ψ Before Jesus would begin his ministry he would go through the wilderness. **Matt 3:16 - And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: (KJV)**

Ψ Don't miss this...Jesus would then experience the wilderness and the opposition of Satan for forty day. But, it is very critical that the scriptures tell us that he was led into the wilderness.

Ψ **Luke 4:14 - And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. (KJV)** Many witnesses would see the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus, but later he was filled with power. Same Spirit, but separate timing and different impartation.

The Holy Furniture

Before I can reveal unto to you what exactly took place in that Upper Room we must go back and take a look at the articles of the Tabernacle

Exod 25:8 - And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. (KJV)

Most Christians have heard some form of teaching on the Tabernacle and the artifacts of the Ark of the Covenant, the Menorah, the Golden Altar, the Table of Shewbread, Brazen Altar, and the Laver. Many of you will automatically think of the Tabernacle of Moses. But, very few realize that this tabernacle that was built in the wilderness is an exact pattern of the throne room of God.

Heb 8:5 - Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. (KJV)

But, tonight I need to concentrate on the Inner Court and the Holy of Holies. Inside the Inner Court, a place on the priest could enter, we find three artifacts:

1. The Table of Shewbread (**Exodus 25:30**)
2. The Golden Altar of Incense (**Exodus 39:38**)
3. The Seven-Branched Golden Candlestick (**Exodus 25:31-35**)

Shewbread: this artifact consisted of 2 tall wooden containers that were overlaid with gold and contained 12 loaves of bread. The bread will always represent the Word of God. Jesus said, “**...I am the bread which come down from heaven**” **John 6:41**. It is also very interesting to note that we can find 12 major doctrines in the New Testament:

1. Salvation (**Acts 4:12**)
2. Justification (**Romans 5:1**)
3. Water Baptism (**Matthew 28:19**)
4. Sanctification (**1 Thessalonians 4:3**)
5. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 3:11**)
6. Laying on of hands (**Hebrews 6:2**)

7. Second coming of Christ (**Acts 1:11-12**)
8. The resurrection of the dead (**Hebrews 6:2**)
9. Judgement of the righteous (**1 Peter 4:5**)
10. Judgment of the unrighteous (**Revelation 20:11**)
11. Eternal life for the righteous (**John 3:15**)
12. Eternal punishment for evil (**Revelation 20:14**)

Menorah: First you need to realize that the candlestick, or Menorah, required oil to bring light from the seven branches. This represents the illumination of the Holy Spirit. In scripture we can find that it speaks of the 7 spirits of God (**Rev. 3:1, 4:5, 5:6**). Pay close attention to what I am about to reveal to you...

Eph 4:4 - There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; (KJV)

How can one scripture found in Revelation speak of the 7 spirits of God and yet Ephesians say that there is One Spirit. Listen carefully and you too will begin to understand the difference between the Spirit of God at Salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost: **Isa 11:2 - And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;** (KJV)

* Notice the 7 spirits listed in this verse: 1. The Spirit of the Lord

2. The Spirit of Wisdom
3. The Spirit of Understanding
4. The Spirit of Counsel
5. The Spirit of Might
6. The Spirit of Knowledge
7. The Spirit of the Fear of the

Lord

The Holy Spirit has 7, perfect, divine attributes that He imparts to the believer!

Altar: Each morning the priest offered incense on the Golden Altar. Researchers can tell us that there were 11 different spices used in the ingredients. Burning this incense represented the prayer and intercession of God's people going up before God's Throne in Heaven. **Ps 141:2 - Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.** (KJV) By searching the scriptures found in the New Testament, we can find 11 different types of prayer:

1. Prayer confessing our sins (**1 John 1:9**)
2. Prayer confessing our faults (**James 5:16**)
3. Prayer of agreement (**Matthew 18:19**)
4. Prayer of faith for the sick (**James 5:15**)
5. Prayer of binding (**Matthew 16:19**)
6. Prayer of loosing (**Matthew 16:19**)
7. Praying in the Spirit (**Ephesians 6:18**)
8. Praying in the Spirit with understanding (**1 Corinthians 14:15**)
9. Prayer of thanksgiving (**Philippians 4:6**)
10. Prayer of intercession (**1 Timothy 2:1**)
11. Prayer for general supplication (**Philippians 4:6**)

Beyond the Veil

Ψ God established praise and worship in Heaven before it was revealed on earth. Throughout there are angelic beings that praise God continually saying, "**Holy, Holy, Holy, the Lord of hosts...**" **Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8.**

Ψ Like Man, Angels were created for the praise and worship of God in the heavenly Throne room. **Ps 148:2 - Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.** (KJV)

Exod 25:18-20

And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. (KJV)

Ezekiel 1:1, 4-6, 8-12, 19-21, 24-25

Ezekiel 3:12-13

Ezekiel 10:1-5

- What we have just read is a vision of Heaven in which Ezekiel witnessed...in Heaven!
- Now what I am about to tell you is the earthly version from a historical account, not a commentary of someone's opinion. According to the book of Josephus, right before the presence of God fell from Heaven; there would be a sound like a mighty rushing wind. History accounts of Priest and Rabbi's tell us that the wind sounded like the wings of the cherubim's wings.
- The Jewish sages state that 2 unusual manifestations occurred when the glory of God then appeared in the tabernacle.
 1. The curtains of the tent would expand, similar to a man's lungs when he is inhaling and exhaling
 2. The sound could be heard similar to a man breathing.

Because God would dwell in the Holy of Holies, the movement of God in the holy place was known as the Breath of the Holies.

John 20:21-22

The Breath of God brings life to dead things. In the wilderness, Manna would spoil if an Israelite tried to store it for several days. Yet, the Manna stored in the Ark never spoiled. Why? Because the Glory of God was on the Ark it brought life to the contents within the Ark. The rod of Aaron was a dry, dead tree limb. Yet, when the Lord breathed upon the rod, it produced fruit again. Why? Because the Breath of God produces Life!

1 Cor 3:16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Cor 6:19-20 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (KJV)

When Jesus breathed upon the disciples he was giving life to a dead vessel. Then it became a living vessel...a tabernacle...a temple for the dwelling of God's presence.

In the vision of the dry bones, God instructed Ezekiel to prophesy to the WIND...to BREATHE upon the bones so they may live. These bones didn't need a revival, they needed a resurrection! And as the Spirit began to blow, there was a noise.

In the upper room there was a sound from Heaven as a mighty rushing wind. Following the noise there was a shaking. When God's Spirit moves, there will be shouting, rejoicing and holy noise, otherwise known as Praise! A shaking follows the noise. After the shaking, there was a coming together of the bones in Ezekiel's vision. A true move of the Spirit brings people together.

In the Old Testament, the Spirit came upon men. In the New Testament, He comes within men. God always moves upon a person before He moves within a person.

Matt 6:10 – “...Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

It is important to read this particular scripture with this exact understanding. The words “it is” has no Greek meaning, another words it was added. So we need to understand this as it is truly saying...In Earth as In Heaven!

Restoring our Praise

Ps 149:6 - Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; (KJV)

God is High and Lifted up when we praise Him. Our praise can bring God’s manifest Presence to our situation!

Ψ At one time Lucifer was in a position similar to a High Priest and led the praise and worship on the mountain of God. But, his desire for his own praise would ultimately bring him down.

Ψ However, God still had a plan. God would take the clay and began molding and image of him and breathed into the nostrils and suddenly dust began to live.

Ψ Satan then realized that God had just created his replacement. You and I are Satan’s problem.

Worship is easy, but Praise is often difficult:

It is easy for you and me to enter into this house tonight and worship God when the music and singing begins. But often our worship consists only of lifted hands or standing on our feet. It is difficult to praise God when our lives are falling apart. That is why Satan has stolen the praise out of your Christian walk. Praise consists of a vocal expression. As long as Satan can keep us quite he wins, but He knows that if we confess with our mouths there is nothing he can do about it.

You and I need to understand that before worship brings about God’s Presence, but Praise brings God’s Manifest Presence. There is a difference:

1 Cor 12:7-12

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (KJV)

The Power that is within the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a power that has a Manifestation result. What good is it to run electricity to your home if you never turn the switch on to get the result that is given unto you?

Heb 13:15 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. (KJV)

There are many in this service tonight, that have the Spirit of God dwelling in your life, but there is no manifestation in your life. Another words, there is no power. The Spirit of God is Life! Life must produce Life! I believe what God has been revealing to me over the past two months is: We must Praise in order to have not just the Presence of God, however we must praise in order to bring the manifestation of His Presence.

- How many here tonight, be honest with me, are saved but don't speak in tongues? You don't have the gift yet,

you believe in it and you believe that it is real but it is not apart of your life? Please Raise your Hands.

- How many of you that raised your hands can say that while I was preaching have been feeling a stirring in you? Something is about to happen in this place!
- We are about to call everyone up here who wants to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I am about to call you up and do two things:
 1. We are going to pray a prayer of cleansing: a general prayer to purify us of anything unclean in our lives.
 2. Then we are going to worship and Praise God for a moment and pray a prayer to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- Now you need to understand three simple facts:
 1. The same faith that you were saved with is the same faith that you receive the Holy Ghost with. Remember this...You receive by faith. All you have to do is believe. Get in your mind that you are about to get something that you did not have. Get the attitude that this is “My” night. God brought me here tonight to hear this.
 2. We are going to ask the Holy Ghost to come in and at some point you are going to feel the touch of God. It will be quick, but you will feel it.
 3. This is so simple, but you need to understand this. When the Bible says: “They spoke as the Spirit gave them the utterance (words).” They spoke as the Spirit. You will hear yourself praying and it is like your saying words that you have never heard yourself saying. It is then that you must speak it out! The moment that your mouth speaks it is like a major force, and then

you feel the anointing and the Power of God are released!

- The biggest thing is for you not to come up with a preconceived idea of what you are going to do. Whether or not you will shout, leap, fall out, or saying that you are going to get it this way or not. Just say that “I am hungry Lord, here I am”.
- God said in **Joel 2:29 - And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.** (KJV)
- You need to know that it is the will of God for you to receive. The question is: Are you hungry enough to go beyond the Presence of God in your life into the Manifestation of the Spirit, with God’s power in your Christian walk?
- Now we need to ask God to anoint this, we should not do anything without the anointing of God on it. We don’t do anything just to do it, but because it is your will. After this prayer I am going to ask you that are hungry to come forth. It is very critical that we have some Spirit Filled Prayer Warriors up here with us and those that remain seated I ask you to get out of your comfort zone and go beyond worshipping tonight and Praise God during this time.