

## **The Power of Worship (David Yeh, 18 Jun 2017)**

Today I am going to follow up the messages on worship by Pastor Abri and talk about some of the results we can experience from our worship.

### **1. Worship Brings Influence on Our Relationship With God**

#### **Through His Revelation**

Quite often we ask questions like, "If God is real why doesn't He speak to us?", or "I know God is real but how do I hear His voice?" There are a few ways to hear God's voice but one of the ways is through worship or Zama (in Hebrew it means instrumental worship). Through worship God reveals his Word to us.

2 Kings 3:1-20

During the reigns of king Ahab of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah they fought a war against the land of Moab. They ran out of water and were in a desperate situation so they asked God for guidance.

2 Kings 3: 11-12,14-19 <sup>11</sup> But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no prophet of the Lord here, through whom we may inquire of the Lord?"

An officer of the king of Israel answered, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah. [b](#)"

<sup>12</sup> Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the Lord is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him....

<sup>14</sup> Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you. <sup>15</sup> But now bring me a harpist."

While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came on Elisha <sup>16</sup> and he said, "This is what the Lord says: I will fill this valley with pools of water. <sup>17</sup> For this is what the Lord says: You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. <sup>18</sup> This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord; he will also deliver Moab into your hands. <sup>19</sup> You will overthrow every fortified city and every major town....

So we see here that the prophet Elisha called for a harpist to play before him. As the harpist played and worshipped the Lord, the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha and he received a revelation of the promise of God to His people. The Lord provided the water they needed and also promised them victory in the battle.

When we praise and worship the Lord, it becomes more conducive for us to receive divine revelations, guidance and promises.

(example My late wife) During the worship she heard God's voice and it gave her strength to carry on with the relationship. Thank God for that!

That is why when we are praying we can listen to some worship songs and let the Spirit of God reveal what He wants us to pray about.

It is when in worship that your spirit is in line with God's spirit and when you pray there is power. You know that God will answer your prayer because you are praying in line with his

will. Your relationship with God will become closer and more assured because you hear from Him and experience Him.

What if you can't play an instrument, and have no MP4 or a computer around, what should you do? The original meaning of the word "play" is "to make music". How can we make music when there is no instrument? In other parts of the Scripture, it's also translated as "singing". So it is not limited to playing an instrument but it can mean singing a song as well. When we do so, we can experience God's sweet presence, lifting us up from our circumstances.

## **2. Worship Brings Influence on Our Personal Life**

### **1) Through His Deliverance (1 Samuel 16:14-23)**

When we praise and worship the Lord, we can experience deliverance from demonic oppressions. Saul was tormented by an evil spirit. So they brought David to play the harp before him.

It wouldn't work with just any musician. If so, they could have called many musicians from the palace to play for Saul. Why David? What's so special about David?

V 18 One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him."

David was a worshipper. He was someone who had close fellowship with God and who worshipped God from his heart. While he was tending the sheep, he would worship God, he would spend time with him, so God's presence was with him. So...

V 23 Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

So that as he played the harp and worshipped the Lord, the evil spirit would leave Saul and he would be refreshed.

E.g. When I had a heavy spirit before preaching a sermon, I would praise in tongues and my spirit would be lifted.

When we praise and worship the Lord, we can experience deliverance from the oppression of the Enemy. You might be facing great pressure in financial matters, in relationships, in visa issues. You might have fear and confusion, fear for the future or fear of losing your job and you are so confused.

Praise and worship the Lord. God uses our praise and worship to lift our troubled hearts. Praise and worship drive out the spirit of fear, doubt and unbelief and fill us with strong faith as we extol the greatness of the Lord.

### **2) Through His Healing** (Matthew 8:1-3; Matthew 9:18-26; Matthew 15:21-28)

#### **The incidence of the man with leprosy Matthew 8:1-3**

**pros-kune'o** (to crouch, prostrate oneself in homage, to reverence, to adore)

We can experience healing and miracles in our lives when we praise and worship the Lord in faith. The leper who worshipped Jesus was healed from his leprosy.

### **The incidence of raising the daughter of a ruler (Matthew 9:18-26)**

Mt 9:18 ◦ ...v23 The ruler who worshipped Jesus **pros-kune'o** .The Lord raised the girl back to life in response to the ruler's worship and faith.

### **The incidence of Canaanite woman's demon possessed daughter (Matthew 15:21-28)**

The Canaanite woman who worshipped Jesus received deliverance for her daughter from demon possession.

The Lord, who is full of compassion, delights in performing miracles in our lives when we praise and worship Him in the midst of our pain and suffering. When we worship we submit our life to him, we are saying, "Lord you are the one in control of my body, you are the one who is able to heal."

### **3. Worship Brings Influence on Our circumstances** (Paul in prison)

#### **1. Deliverance and Freedom** (Acts 16:23-26)

Acts 16:23-26:

We can experience freedom from our bondages when we praise and worship the Lord. Paul and Silas were beaten repeatedly, bound and put in prison. In the midst of their pain and bondage, they began to praise and worship the Lord and the Lord delivered them in a mighty way.

They did not murmur and complain against God because of their pain and suffering. They did not wait until God delivered them before they offered praises to God. We can experience freedom from our bondages when we praise and worship the Lord in the midst of our bondage, pain and suffering. Because our praise and worship is unnatural so it brings supernatural result.

When you worship, you can be delivered from your bondage to a bad habit, bondage of financial problems, bondage of fear, relationship bondage etc and begin to walk in freedom.

#### **2. Breakthrough** (Joshua 6:1-20)

In many cases, praising and worshipping the Lord is a means by which we experience a breakthrough in our lives and the means by which hindrances to receiving blessings removed.

#### **Joshua 6:16-19**

<sup>16</sup>The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! <sup>17</sup>The city and all that is in it are to be devoted<sup>[a]</sup> to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. <sup>18</sup>But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. <sup>19</sup>All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into his treasury."

When Joshua was facing the wall of Jericho, the Lord instructed them to walk silently around the city for six days and on the seventh day they were to make a great shout to the Lord.

Accordingly, on the seventh day the people joined together and made a great shout unto the Lord and the wall of Jericho collapsed to the ground. When we praise and worship the Lord, the walls of resistance can come down and we can enter into the promises of God in our lives. When you have tried all you can to solve a problem but still can't have a breakthrough, it is possible that there is some spiritual hindrance. In the history record of Joshua, it is the faith and worship of the people of Israel that brought the wall down.

When we shout praises to God, we can have a breakthrough in whatever is holding us back from receiving God's blessings, whether it's to do with our work, relationships, finances or visa issues.

### **3. Victory** (2 Chronicle 20:1-24)

When Jehoshaphat was facing a great battle he proclaimed a fast and sought the Lord with all his people. The Lord heard their cry and promised them victory. Then Jehoshaphat sent singers and worshippers ahead of his army. As they praised and worshipped the Lord, the Lord caused the enemies to fight each other and destroy themselves.

When we praise and worship the Lord in times of battle, the Lord often causes confusion in the camp of the enemy and makes them destroy themselves and grants us a glorious victory. Why? Because in a lot of cases, it's the Enemy working in the spiritual realm. When we overcome the Enemy in the spiritual realm, we win the battle.

When we praise and worship the Lord, we can experience victory in our battles. God inhabits the praises of His people. When we praise and worship Him, His presence will descend among us and the presence of God will fill every situation that we are facing so that we can experience victory in all our battles.

Ps 22:3 " But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel."  
(example, working with SRC)

God delights in granting us victory over bad habits, victory over sicknesses, victory over unfairness and victory over our Enemy.

### **4. Worship Brings Heavenly Presence** (Revelation 5:9-14)

Exodus 40: At the time of Moses' tabernacle, when they sacrificed the offering, the glory of God filled the place.

2 Chronicle 7:1-3 At the temple. After Solomon had offered the sacrifice the glory filled that place.

When Jesus offered his life as a sacrifice on the cross, the temple's curtain split into two so that we can come into God's glorious presence. The question is, "Where is the temple of God today?" Yes, it's us. We are the temples of God. The glory of God is now able to fill us.

That is why in Romans 12:1-2 it says offering ourselves as a living sacrifice is an act of worship, pleasing to God. It is when we humble our life and submit to his will that it becomes a sacrifice and worship to the Lord. And this kind of worship brings God's power into your life.

When we worship like that, it brings the heavenly worship down to earth, we can enjoy worshiping God with thousands of angels and surrounded by all the glory, all the goodness and abundance and blessings of God.

So let us worship God throughout the day and in every situation, and experience God's presence as in heaven.