



IN TOUCH - AUGUST 13

fires of revival

Psalm 99:9

Worship God as You Are

that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:27

Have you been to a worship service where you stood with your hands raised, ready to worship God, only to hear the worship leader say, “Before we worship God, let’s all search our hearts”? Then, as you search your heart, before long, you dig up something that you don’t like. The next thing you know, your hands are no longer raised and soon, you find yourself sitting down — you don’t feel good worshipping God any more.

My friend, I have good news for you. Come and worship Him as you are. Come into God’s presence Jesus-conscious, forgiveness-conscious and grace-conscious! Come into God’s presence bringing only Jesus the spotless Lamb of God as your offering.

Your worshipping God is like the times God’s people in the Old Testament brought their offerings to the priest. The priest examined the animal sacrifice to ensure that it was without blemish. The priest did not examine the sinner. If the animal was without blemish, God accepted the animal sacrifice as well as the offerer who brought the animal.

So when you come into God’s presence, don’t do any self-examination and be discouraged when you find faults in your life. God does not examine you. He sees you through the full value, and all the loveliness and acceptance of His Son. (Ephesians 1:6) He sees you holy and without blemish!

Remember the woman who was referred to as a sinner, possibly a prostitute? She went to the house of the Pharisee who was hosting Jesus and wiped Jesus’ feet with her hair. (Luke 7:36–50) That was her act of worship. She came to Him as she was. Yes, she knew that she had sinned, but she worshiped Jesus first because of who He is. She was Jesus-conscious. Then, she heard Jesus say, “Your sins are forgiven.” (Luke 7:48) She received the forgiveness she needed from Him.

Whatever you need from the Savior, come to Him as you are. Worship Him for who He is and then you will hear Him say, “Go your way. Your restoration has come. Your prosperity is here. You are healed. You have been made whole!”

God sees you in Christ — holy and without blemish.

Our Greatest Privileged by Franklin Graham

One image that helps me understand these concepts is to think of worship as a beautiful crown adorned with two brilliant jewels. One jewel is praise; the other, thanksgiving. Throughout the Bible people expressed their worship in several ways. They bowed before God, often with a sense of awe, to honor Him and show their devotion. They offered special gifts to Him, the chief gift being themselves. Today, as in Bible times, worship includes yielding to God as our Lord and Master. We see this in Romans 12:1, where God asks us to offer Him our bodies, our lives, our entire person. This, He says, is true worship.

In genuine spiritual worship, we bow before the Most High God, the most merciful and reliable and winsome of all beings, and we crown Him as Lord of all that we are. We consent to His gracious, transforming work in our lives; we agree that He can work in us, so that we'll be willing and able to do His will. In other words, we choose to let Him be God in our lives. This is our greatest privilege, the highest thing we can do. Worship also includes adoring God, admiring Him, appreciating Him and letting Him know how grateful we are for His mighty works and the blessings He bestows on us. Thus worship includes praise and thanksgiving. As in ancient times, all three—worship, praise and thanksgiving—overlap as we glorify and enjoy God. Sometimes we do this in speaking, sometimes in singing, sometimes in silent reverence.

In thanksgiving we express gratitude to the Lord for His love and goodness to us and to others, for His constant acts of care and for His gifts, including the spiritual blessings He has lavished upon us. In praise we admire God for who He is and what He does. Praise can be quiet and meditative. But it can also include celebrating and exulting in the Lord's majesty and splendor, His sovereignty, His limitless power and His bountiful love—which we do not in the least deserve. In praise we extol our wonderful God; we exalt and magnify Him. Praise includes speaking highly of God to other people, as well as directly to Him.

It doesn't matter whether our words are stumbling or eloquent. God looks on the heart; He's searching for people who simply want to honor Him. David said, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1, NASB). We too can have lives filled with praise and thanksgiving. Every person is created to be a worshiper. Worship is a declaration of our weakness and God's strength. When we worship, the invisible God is at work doing invisible and powerful things. We get realigned, refreshed and refueled; we find unspeakable joy and indescribable peace. We discover the breakthrough strength of God, which enables us to walk in the truth, live in His presence and see Him fight our battles for us. It is how we can put the beauty of the Gospel on display, receive His many blessings and at the same time be a blessing to the world.

Secure in God' presence

"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Ex 33:14 NIV

Unless you spend time in God's presence you will always have an underlying sense of insecurity. There are certain people we draw security from just by being around them; their presence and approach to life make us feel better. Likewise, when you need to be lifted and strengthened you must spend time with God. Being in His presence is like being in a room filled with perfume; you take the fragrance of it with you when you leave. Moses spent a great deal of time with God. He knew that without God's presence he wasn't worth two cents.

Can you imagine being responsible for the daily care of two million people, getting them out of one country and into another—on foot? It's mind-boggling. And as if that wasn't bad enough, the Israelites spent much of their time complaining about their lot in life and finding fault with Moses. When things went wrong, he was their favorite target. It was an ideal situation for losing your mind. But God told Moses, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." God can give you rest in the midst of trouble, and peace in the midst of conflict. That includes a difficult workplace, or a home that's in constant turmoil. God's presence can help you to show love in the face of mistreatment, and patience in times of stress. It can help you to bring positive change without a lot of words, and end up feeling good about the way you handled things.

So spend time in God's presence today.

The Power of Praise by Creflo Dollar

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150:6).

Sometimes when you hear the word "praise" you automatically find yourself thinking about what happens when you're at church. But praise is not just a church thing; it's a Bible thing. When you begin to initiate and activate praise, it completes your faith. Praise causes your faith to thrive, because you're thanking God for something that has yet to manifest in this physical world.

Thanksgiving and praise keep you focused on the promise rather than on the problem; and what you focus on the most is what you have the potential to give birth to. When you have the audacity to thank God for a promise that hasn't manifested yet, and praise Him for what you know grace has already provided, it brings your faith to completion, and it gets heaven's attention! Become an individual who says, "You know what, I've prayed, and I believe I receive what I have prayed for! I've done all I know to do in faith, so there's only one thing left for me to do— thank and praise God for it every day." That's the kind of faith that makes us peculiar people: that we can praise God for things that have not even appeared yet. (1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 4:18).

Praise is also an effective weapon in spiritual warfare against your enemy, the devil. The enemy attacks your mind, which is the arena of faith. He uses the power of suggestion to get you to think and act according to the flesh—which is a mindset that goes against the Word of God. You win or lose the battle in your mind. But when you go to praising God for the finished works of Jesus Christ, it irritates the devil to such a point that it runs him off. He wants that praise that you're giving to God for himself. It's like rubbing his nose in it. He doesn't want you to understand that Christ has done it all! Whatever you need is already a finished work! Your healing, your deliverance, your prosperity, your marriage, and your success are all a finished work! If you want to know why you should praise Jesus, it's because He did it all, for you! Knowing what grace has made available to you, and the power of praise to God, will absolutely paralyze the enemy (Psalm 8:2, AMP).

Now, when I talk about praise to God, I'm not talking about some religious type of praise. I'm talking about genuine, heartfelt praise! Your praise and thanksgiving should become a genuine expression of your love for God and not a work of the flesh to try to get Him to do something. But He will do something! When you're in the midst of conflict, set aside time every day to praise and give God thanks, anyhow! This type of praise and thanksgiving will cause your faith to come to its fullest point. You'll bring manifestation into your life when you begin to activate and initiate praise.

You may be in some hard situations in your life right now, and you want to hurry up and get out of them. But in the midst of your hard place, invite God in through the power of praise. He'll show up and inhabit your praise (Psalm 22:3). When you come out of a genuine fellowship time with the Holy Spirit, you'll find that while you've been praising God, He's been moving mountains to change and rearrange things in your favor, and on your behalf.

Just laugh...

There was a preacher one time, who was preaching on being in the Lord's army and how important Christian assembly was. He was bothered by the fact that some people in his congregation were only showing up on holidays or other special occasions.

Finally he saw them out one day and he asked them "are you in the Lord's army?" and they replied "yes we are" and then he asked "then why are you only here on holidays?" and they answered "we're in the secret service."

Simple Question by *Ps. Shalom*

The Lord revealed to speak about just one simple question *“What is in YOUR Hand?”*...if you say Oh Jesus I don't have anything! **You can expect miracle in your life.** You cannot see the power of God to flowing in your life...Get ready for the miracle!

A simple question asked by God in Exodus 4:2 “And the Lord said unto Him, ‘What is that in Your Hand?’ “A ROD”. ROD means ‘Record of Decisions’. When Moses had encounter with God, God begins with question, what is in your hands? Simple, Straight and sensible question! God understanding His battle of Mind and solves with a simple question...what is in your hand? Moses answers a ROD. Moses had spent nearly 40years in Midian – taking guard of Sheep (Leading, Guiding, providing, Protecting and commanding....) God says, Moses Start with what you have, I will work with it. Give what you have in your hand and He will work with it wonderfully.

Ps 139:14 says I am fearfully and wonderfully made! You are not average but excellent. You are not Ordinary but extraordinary. You are not a portion but complete. You' are God' Master Piece. Wow isn't it amazing! The current job/status/Education/qualification...Jesus wants to bless and bring progression and add up prosperity to your life. That' ultimate God' Plan!

Moses asked 5 questions...God gave 5 answers (not with options) but interestingly Moses give 5 excuses! Moses completely left hope for His life... just look @ His Children' name

* **Gershom means** ‘ I have been a stranger in a foreign land - Ex 18:3

(* **Eliezer means** “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh” Ex 18:4-5

Great package-amazing plan!

- * God saw David as king while he was watching over sheep in the field
- * God saw Joseph as Prime minister, while he was thrown/dump into Pit
- * Jesus saw & called to follow...they are already chosen for divine plan!

God used the staff in Moses hand...

As a tool of God – signifies God' authority

To get the God' job done

To get God' Children/people of God delivered from Egyptian bondage

3 things we should do with what we have...

1. God cannot use anything we have until we let go of it
2. God did not ask Moses to use something He does not have
3. We will never know the full potential of what we have until we allow God to have full control of it

Let' introspect ourselves...what is in your hand now!

* Miriam had in her hand tambourine and she use it lead the people to praise God after crossing Red Sea.

* David had a sling in His hand...and the giant Goliath fell when he used it!

* Samson had a jaw bone of dead donkey...killed a thousand' of men

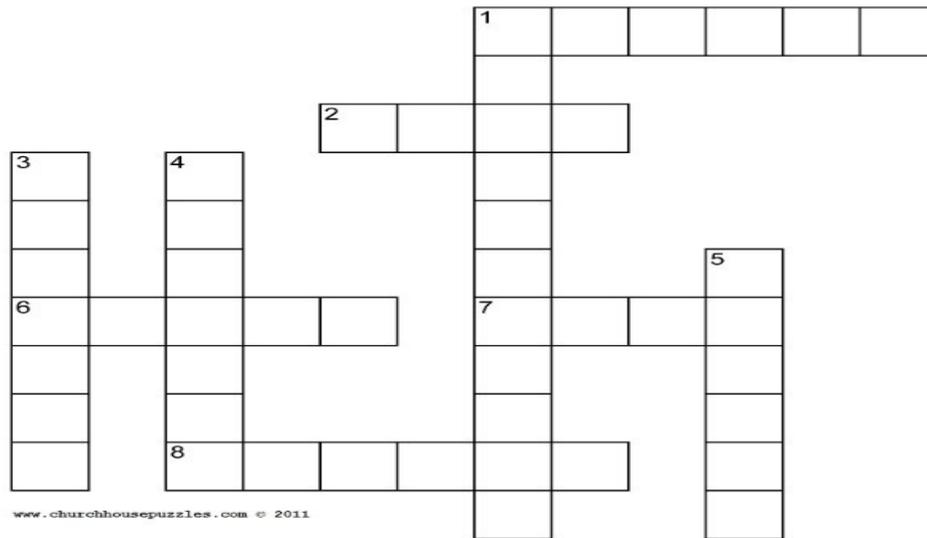
* A small boy carried Breakfast – feed more than 5000 people

Start with what you have and God will work with it! Some of us holding things too long...release in His name! Drop at the feet of Jesus! Give it to God and He will do it for you.

Remember: the staff of Moses was dead in His hands, but it became alive in the presence of the Lord. The stuff of Moses was ineffective in his hands but became powerful in the presence of the Lord. Ex 4:17

Jesus has give you the influence, favor, future, education, job, talents, gifts, ability in your hand...Call it as special and treat it as special! It is given by God! You may be working as insignificant jobs or company but God recognizes us! Amen

Musical Instruments in the Bible

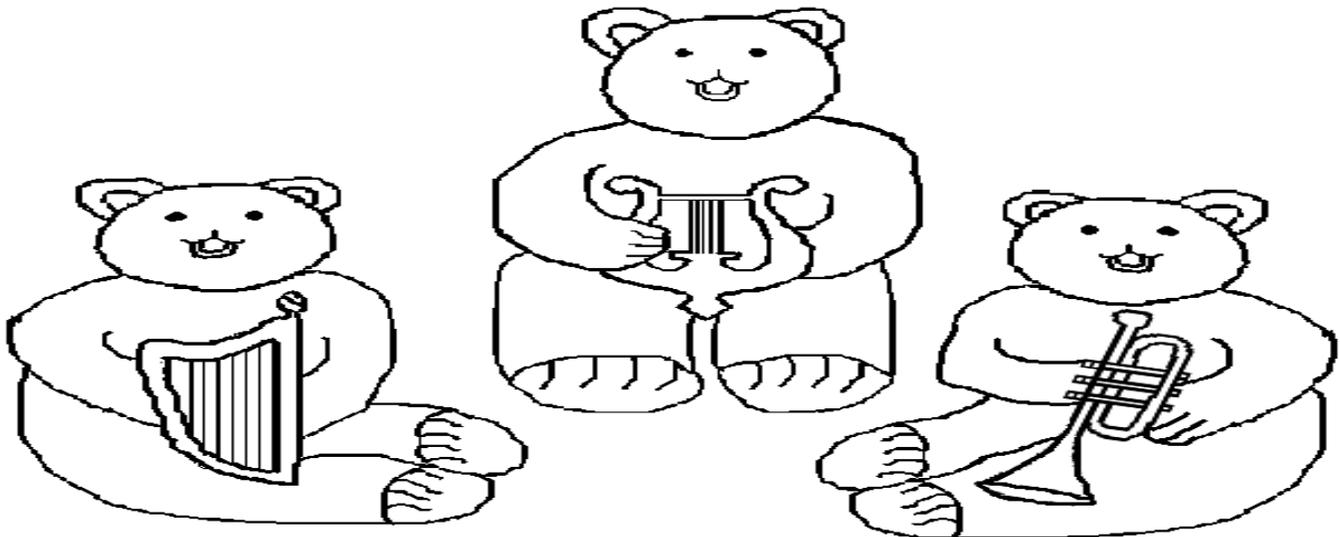


ACROSS

- 1 Lyre; a small harp
- 2 Similar to a modern day flute
- 6 Stringed instrument; a harp with angles
- 7 Similar to a modern day tambourine; also called a tabor, timbrel, tabret
- 8 Ram's horn made into a trumpet

DOWN

- 1 Trumpet made of bronze or silver about a foot long
- 3 Sistrum; named for it's rattling sound
- 4 Percussion instrument made of bronze
- 5 Flute or pipe made of ivory, reed, or metal; two pipes together each with their own mouthpiece



**"Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:
praise him with the psaltery and harp."
(Psalm 150:3)**

Birthday Celebrities



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Promise Word:

"I call out to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy mountain." Ps 3:4



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Pastor Time with Worship Leaders

24th August 13 @ 7pm



Pastor & fly On Vacation - 14th July to 14th Aug

Night Prayer On 29th Aug 2013

Faheheel @ 9pm

Salmiya @ 9pm

Commencing from Sep 13

Cell Meetings

FBS/TIGHT



service *Times*

Faheheel @ 10:30 am

Annex Hall @ 4pm

Hall of Hope @ 6pm

THIS SIDE UP

PSALMS 119:1

Combined Worship @ Hall of Hope
On 30th Aug 13 @ 6pm