"Throw A Praise Party"

Recently I heard Phil Driscoll telling about something that the Lord revealed to him about praise and worship. He said that when we praise God. "it's another coronation event."

That phrase struck me, and reminded me that one of the many facets of our Heavenly Father is that he is a King. Not just any king, but the King of kings. Scripture confirms this:

⁴ All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name." Selah Psalm 66:4 (NIV)

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. 6 He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away. Psalm 148:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. ⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. ⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the

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sings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted. Psalm 47:5-9 (NIV) (emphasis added)

Notes:

[b]

We Believers, as God's children, have the privilege of entering his throne-room anytime or any place and throwing a regal praise party and crowning our Heavenly King again and again. Such joy and pleasure we bring our Heavenly King with our heartfelt praise and worship.

All he has given us, even down to our very lives, how can we not spend time daily just throwing a spiritual "praise-party" for God and remind him of how wonderful he is to us. Remember. as we with both heart and voice praise our Heavenly Father, what may just sound like pretty (or not so pretty) singing to us, is in the Heavenly Realm a Coronation Event.

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Matthew 28:16-20



he usual thing which comes to mind when thinking of a mission

is "a purpose." Jesus has left Believers here for a purposea mission. If you are a Believer you have a mission pack your travel trunk and get going. What is your travel trunk? It is your mind in the renewing of it. You see faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ^[a] and your trunk is to be filled with the Word!

Role Of Scripture

Have you packed your mind with scripture for your mission iourney? We are told "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,"[b] that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming...." When Jesus gave the disciples "The Great Commission" we are told "some doubted." This means the doubters were given the same commission as the non-doubters!

Finances

Do you tithe and plant seed with what God has provided you?

The Holy Spirit In You

As a Believer you have a traveling companion in and with you

on your life's mission journey.

Changes In Church Over 2000 Years

Notes: [a] Romans 10:17

[b] Romans 10:8

Where & When met: Then-House to house and in the temple outer court. Daily meeting to encourage and expand the Kingdom. Now-Church buildings to maintain the congregation and organization growth.

Relations: Then-Very close relationships of encouragement, confession and accountability to one another. Now-Believers are rarely very close and hardly ever candid.

Discipleship: Then-There was a close relationship between a new believer and the seasoned believer who both mentored and modeled Christian practice. Now-Knowledge based formal classes, taking notes but very little mentoring and modeling.

Gifts of the Spirit: Then-Most believers operated in the gifts which built the Kingdom by showing the power of God

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Notes:

See Acts

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Romans

Matthew 28:16-20

Scripture:

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



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working through mankind. Now: Gifts often denied, ignored, or downplayed. Often if accepted, relegated to those in ministry only.

Marching orders: Then-Go make disciples. Now-Come grow with our church.

Leadership Function: Then-Model how to live the life of a believer by relationship, hands on ministry, preparing believers for personal ministering. Leaders tested by character, service, and the bearing of fruit. Now-Make a bigger church and be a good preacher in the pulpit. How much do vou know and how much education do they have.

Prayer: Then-Prayer-focused and goal-oriented. Now-Pray from time to time usually in

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crisis, little intercession.

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Group: Then-Meetings in homes, shops, and fields. Now-Congregation size and big meetings.

Sojourner's Fellowship

Sojourner's Fellowships are "Pod Fellowships" (homebased churches) where all members follow in their callings and gifts as the Lord Jesus Christ imparts through the Holy Spirit.

The fellowships are composed of about 12 Sojourners each. When a Pod grows to 12 to 18 members it divides into two or more Pods and the process of growth to planting begins anew.

All members of a Pod minister to one another in the gifts in which they operate by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Each Pod has a Pod Leader (Pastor) and a Pod Leader Intern (Pastor in Training). All the functions of a church occur in the Pods with "Fivefold Ministry" manifesting through the Pod members. Praise and worship, as well as all sacraments, occur within the Pod.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- Informal fellowship & **sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- Praise, Worship, & Offerings, (Offerings to be placed in basket during Praise & Worship)

Words of Prophecy or Knowledge if they have been given during "Praise & Worship." (other times as the Spirit moves)

- The Pastoral Message
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- The Blessing

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