

SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

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The word of the Lord that comes to me tonight for the people of God is the SACRIFICE OF PRAISE. Let's look into a few scriptures before I make any remarks on this.

He 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."*

Let us offer the sacrifice of praise that is the fruit of our lips. Hallelujah. Let's read from Hosea 14, verse 1 and 2.

Hos 14:1 *"O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity."*

2 *"Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips."*

Amen. Hallelujah. Praise God. I want to talk with you a little about the praise that we do offer to God. Praise is one of the greatest weapons in our armory. We praise God not because we feel to praise God but because praise does something in God's world. Hallelujah. We are in a realm in the natural realm and spiritual things are not apparent. That is you don't feel to praise, you are feeling low, you are feeling wretched, why should you praise when you don't feel to praise? When you have had a good meal you turn around to the hostess and you say, "Oh this is a wonderful meal. I appreciate that you are a fine cook." Amen. That hostess feels that, "My efforts were worthwhile." But that is in the natural and it brings gratification to the person naturally. But when you praise God you are not giving God gratification. It is not that you are patting Him on the back and say, "You are a fine fellow God. You are wonderful God. You know you are wonderful."

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I came upon this thing one day when I said, “God, I just don’t understand.” I say, “I know men with egos, they want you to praise them, they want you to say how fine they are and they seem to function upon this premise. How come that You God want us to praise You in the same way like we praise other men and so on? Is there something I am missing?”

God said, “Sure!”

And He began to teach me what happens when one praises. Now when you praise and you don’t feel to praise it is really a sacrifice. Amen. You are offering God a sacrifice. Three quarter of the tongues that you speak in here it is praising God. That is why the Devil wants to stop people from speaking in tongues in church, because three quarters of the tongues will be speaking all manner of praise words. You can just check up your book, your Hebrew, or you can check up your Greek, you can check in your Strong’s, or your Young’s and you will see all these words that are being spoken by people who don’t speak Greek and Hebrew. If spoken freely in the congregation it must mean that praise is a great part of our worship.

Now what does praise do? Why praise? First of all the name of God is in you, the name of God. Come, let’s change that. Take out the word name – the nature of God is in you. The name of the Devil is in the Devil’s people. Amen. Now if you go to the Devil and tell him that “God is a good God” it hurts him because the Devil wants to convince you that God is not a good God. So the more you say it, the more you live it, the more you act that God is a good God you hurt the Devil the more. Amen. Now the more you praise God the more it disturbs Satan but not just because he is jealous, but because every time you begin to praise the spirits of God begin to draw near to you. Come, let’s check on that with a scripture. Turn with me to Psalm 34. The words that come to me in the Spirit are:

Ps 34:7 “The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”

All right. It starts out:

Ps 34:1 “I will bless the LORD at all time: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

Now you know that David had some hard times but he said “at all times he will bless the Lord.”

Ps 34:2 *“My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.”*

3 *“O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.”*

4 *“I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”*

Now verse 7:

Ps 34:7 *“The angel of the LORD **encampeth round about...**”*

Round about who?

Ps 34:7 *“...**them that fear him, and delivereth them.**”*

Now this word fear here has more meaning, it doesn't mean that you are afraid of, it means those that have great reverence for God. So:

Ps 34:7 *“The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them...”*

Why? Because the angel of the Lord sees the nature of God in you and wherever the nature of God is the angel of the Lord is bound to obey because the angel of the Lord is the servant not only of the Lord but with us. Do you remember that scripture? That the angels are the ministering spirits to the heirs of salvation and the word minister means servants, serving spirits to you. (He 1:14) So the angels that are here on earth are here to serve you. Upon what basis will they serve you? They will serve you when they see the nature of God in you. An angel won't just obey you for anything but he will obey you because the nature of God is in you.

Now if you ask God for healing and you didn't see the healing but you believe God that God is going to have the healing for you because the word says that whatever you ask for He is going to do it and you asked Him for healing and you begin to praise Him for the healing. What does that say to God and to the angel? That you are of a certain quality person, immediately the light of God begins to flash from you. As I say brethren, angels and spirits see you in light and in darkness. Anybody has a doubt about that? Or do you want me to get the scripture for it? Amen.

The angels of God see you in light or in darkness. I will go to that a little later. I will show you the scriptures for it but it is very simple. Now if these angels see you in light it means that sometimes your light is brighter than at other times. It means that when your light is bright that is the time that you will get those angels to do what you command in the Spirit.

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You see a while ago when Mavis was leading the song service it blessed me to hear her bring this thought that was coming from God that you should all when you begin to praise God you should at that time ask God for what you wanted. Anytime you feel the praise and the glory rise to heights you are servicing the Lord. You will get it at that time quicker. Of course isn't that the way we do in our natural? You don't see, you want something from your dad and you seem really cast down and feeling wretched and that is the time you go ask him? Or do you wait until you feel good and you do a lot of little things to make him feel good and then you hit the nail while it is ready. Well this is what God has been saying to us tonight.

He says, "You praise God not because you feel good but because you know that when you begin to praise God the host, the heavenly host joins with you and when you attract so much power of God into one little building something is going to happen. Amen. I am seeing people begin to praise God in the flesh. Let me tell you they go to town and they dance but they begin to praise God in the flesh and presently the Holy Ghost came down and you can feel the pressure. When you defend it – blessed be to God – at that time the preacher of course, these men, they know what they are doing, some of these healers and he call out immediately to everybody, "Somebody is being healed right now." In the midst of the pressure when the Holy Ghost came down you could feel Him and "BAM-BAM-BAM-BAM-BAM" people were healed all over the place. Amen.

So you, as we move in a meeting, when you feel the power of God, right away, don't say, "I'm going to wait until after the meeting is over and I will ask for what I am asking for." When two or three are gathered together the power is increased. Hallelujah. The power is magnified and when the power is magnified the glory is magnified. Hallelujah.

I'm quoting from John 17:5

So Jesus said, "Father, give me the glory which I had with You from the beginning." Then in verse 22 He said, "I give them the glory."

You say, "But God if Jesus gave me all that glory that He had with the Father from the beginning of time – how come I don't feel it? How come?"

It is right there in the Spirit and you have got to draw it out. The scripture Mavis quoted is in Joshua Chapter 1 somewhere around in verse 3 he said:

Jos 1:3 *"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses."*

Every inch of ground that the sole of your feet walk upon – that is yours. Do you ever realize that the children of Israel went into the Promised Land and from the time they went into the Promised Land they had to fight for everything that they wanted and work for it? They had to plant their own crops. They had to reap their own crops. No more manna free food coming down from heaven. God pulled away from them in one area but gave them the power to overcome in the other areas. So this is you. The higher you climb in God the more it is required of you to reach up and take down the glory of God that you need.

So one of the means by which we reach up to God is by praise. Now, He said encamped round about us there are many angels. In this building that means if there are fifty or sixty people here then there are many more angels in this building than people. Amen. What are they here for? They are here mainly because we called them here.

You say, “But I didn’t call any angels.”

You sure did by the very act of praise, by the act of your needs, by the act of your spirit, your intention, your desire before God – the building is filled with the emissaries of God. Amen. Now let’s turn to Ephesians for this fact to be cemented. Let’s turn to Chapter 1 and we see that in the end time something that is going to happen that did not happen before, something that God is doing new tonight for His end-time people.

Eph 1:10 *“That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he (God) might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:”*

Now this here brings to us another group beside angels. Not only just angels now, but our brothers who are in Christ are also here. Is that what it says? Is that what it says? To cement the part that the angels are here before we go on to our brother, our heavenly host brothers, let’s turn to Hebrews Chapter 1:

He 1:13 *“But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?”*

14 *“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”*

This is one of the words, remember last night I spoke to you about some of the words have lost their meanings and changed their meanings. Now this word **minister** is one of the words that has changed its meaning from being **servant** to mean the **head of a church**, the **guy at the top**. This meant the fellow at

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the bottom. Amen. When this Bible was written the word **minister** in Latin meant servants, servant means slave, minister means servants. So when they used the word here **minister** they meant the **servant spirits**, the spirits that are the servants: that guard you at night while you sleep; that guide you; guarding your cars; or else the Devil would cut you to pieces. They stand around you that live wherever you live and go along with you like bodyguards. This is what He is saying.

He 1:14 *“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister (to work for) them who shall be heirs of salvation?”*

Hallelujah. Amen. So whatever you do you must be careful, you must be very careful of the things you do. Why? Because your ministering spirits can turn around on you. Yes. Your ministering spirits can turn around to be your enemy. Turn your Bibles with me, you see as I talk to you I get it so you will have to see it with me. Turn around with me to this scripture:

Ex 23:20 *“Behold, I send an **A**ngel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.”*

21 *“Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.”*

Ex 33:2 *“And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:”*

We went on a little to verse 14:

Ex 33:14 *“And he said unto him, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.”*

This angel was the presence of God. The verse I see before me is “Be thou ware of him lest he destroy thee.” The Spirit of God speaking. There were seven “-ites” in the land and these seven “-ites” represent seven areas of your spiritual being, your soul that is to be conquered by the Spirit of God. The Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, the Gergashites and so on, seven “-ites”. God spoke to Moses and told him that He would send an angel before him but he would have to be ware of this angel because the angel would turn to be his enemy if they did not obey the Lord because the Spirit of God was in him.

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Ex 23:23 *“For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.”*

This is the word that the Lord brought to me anyhow and then you can find it some other time. But then as I am saying, that you praise the Lord because the angels are praising the Lord and when you praise the Lord it increases the power of your life. In other words to increase power you praise the Lord and as you praise the Lord the angels of God join you to praise the Lord. Now there is another group that joins with you to praise the Lord. This group you find it in Hebrews Chapter 11. You see if the Lord was telling me before I would look it up. Agree with me? Praise the Lord. He doesn't want me to look it up, He wants me to have you help me chase over the word.

So in Hebrews 11 and verse 39:

He 11:39 *“And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:”*

40 *“God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.”*

He 12:1 *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with **so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,”*

Now why should we be patient?

Why should we win this race?

Why is it so important for us to run the race with patience?

Why is it so important for us to win the race?

Is it for you? No, no. It is for the brothers and sisters who have gone on before who are watching you in order to win.

Now what am I talking about? I am saying that these fellows cannot win without you. Every human being alive has the power to overcome certain things in his life and every human being that is dead has somebody that is alive who is overcoming the very thing which overcame him because there is no absolute overcomer in the heavenlies except Jesus. Is there anybody who doesn't feel they understand what I speak? Let's see if we can make you understand it. Is that right? Somebody doesn't quite understand it?

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The brothers and sisters who have died from Adam right down to Jesus Christ, they died without the blood, they died under sin. Therefore when Jesus died He died and He took your sins not only to forgive you of your sins which was necessary, but He took your sins in order to get into hell. He got into hell, preached to the spirits in prison, led captivity captive, took them out of hell, but they weren't perfect. Only perfection in the spirit they have which you have tonight. Every soul that is filled with the Holy Ghost has the perfection of God in your spirit and you **are** perfect in your spirit. In that one area of your being you are perfect as God is perfect.

Now the next move is that you are struggling now to perfect your soul. Isn't that right? So what are they doing? Are they going to get soul perfection free? Are they going to get a present from God of soul perfection? If that was the case then brother it would be good for you to go and pray and say, "God take my life so that I might get perfect." In other words death would be a shortcut to perfection – but it is not. It is not. You have got to work for it. Perfection can only come by the free will choice which you have. Amen.

So these brothers are there in heaven praising God with you. They are praising God with you because the more you praise God the more energy from heaven you pull down. Glory to God. The more you pull down the more they receive from you. Amen. Is there a strange doctrine there? Come to your Bible brothers. I will show you it in your Bible. So then let's turn again, this time we go to Ephesians Chapter 3 this time from verse 9:

Eph 3:9 "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:"

10 "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."

Now we are not talking about hell. We are not talking about devils. We are not talking about principalities and powers down here. We are talking about princes and their palities. Do you know what I am saying? A prince is a person who is to be king next. Very often princes rule over little areas or big areas and those areas are called the palities. So when you talk about a principality you mean both his prince and his palities. Now God is saying that in the heavenlies there are principalities. That there are some brothers ruling over certain palities and:

Eph 3:10 "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."

In other words brother God has a plan and we are working the plan out – not angels, not those who have die in God, but WE the living saints are working God’s plan out in the actual, in the natural, on the battlefield, in flesh and blood reality and the angels are watching us. **THIS IS THEIR TV. THIS IS THEIR TELEVISION. THEY ARE WATCHING US**, watching us, seeing all that is happening, understanding all and imagine – **AN ANGEL WHEN HE SEES YOU HE SEES YOU IN LIGHT** so he knows what kind of light you are regardless of what you are saying or what you are doing. He knows what kind of light you are. Glory to God in the Highest. The more energy you pull from heaven the more life, the more light, the more power, the more angels come around because they want the glory, they want the power, they want the deliverance.

Now how do they get their deliverance? **THEY GET THEIR DELIVERANCE FROM YOU WHEN YOU OVERCOME**. Can you imagine the Bible says that there is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repents. Can you imagine the dancing and shouting and jumping of angels when they see you give it to the Devil and take away a thing out of his hands, or get some great victory! Hallelujah. Glory to God in the Highest. You can imagine then why it is necessary for you to run the race with patience.

Praise therefore does something to **your** soul. Praise is positive. Fear, doubt, feeling beaten, feeling cast down, despair, is negative of the Devil. Believe you me all this is of the Devil. The more you believe in what is out there that you cannot see – the more you praise God for what you don’t know about but you believe that your Father is working to the best of your interest – therefore you just praise God.

“Things are well!”

They have a noose around your neck – “Things are well. Hallelujah. We are having victory over here.”

Bless God because you believe in your Father. You believe that He has got it all fixed. You wouldn’t believe the thief if you saw it. Amen. When you start looking around and you find yourself flat on your face you don’t believe it because your Daddy has got the victory and the victory is yours.

He said, “I have overcome the world.”

Amen. You don’t want anything more than that, but that Jesus overcame the world for you, you have also overcome the world because you are the body of Christ. If a man’s head overcomes the world, what about his body? Amen. Anything that happens to your Head – that is the body – done. So you only

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have to go forward and rejoice in the glory that God has given. Amen. You don't have to see it with your natural carnal eyes. You don't have to feel it in your physical body. You just have to praise God for it and it is yours.

So praise therefore is this weapon that joins us with the heavenly host. Amen. Hallelujah. Praise joins us with the heavenly host. Praise brings us together. God said, "Where two are gathered together I am there in the midst." Why? Because wherever you gather together you begin to talk about Jesus, Jesus has got to come to help you, He can't leave you alone.

BY FAITH WHEN YOU SEE THINGS BAD, WHEN YOU SEE THINGS WRONG IN THE NATURAL BEGIN TO PRAISE GOD. If you don't have strength you get a tape recorder. Amen. I know some sisters that wear out their tape recorder praising God. Amen. Not you alone sister, I know another one, she wears them out. Amen. You just study the tape recorder, study it, understand it that it must get a little rest, it must cool, it is a small motor and you let it loose – you will get all the praise you want out of it without killing it. Amen. Praise be to God.

So the heavenly host joins us in praise because the heavenly host cannot resist praise. That is part of the energy and the light and the life and the power of God being pulled down to earth. Amen.

Once there was a battle to fight. The Israelites said to God, "Lord, who shall we send up first?"

Generally you would say, "Send Judah up first." Or "Send Ephraim up first."

This time He said, "You get some singers with harps and tambourines and let them dance and praise God."

So they went out. The enemy is expecting to see men coming out with swords to fight them. Who came out? People dancing and praising God. Bless His Holy Name. They couldn't understand it. They danced and praised God till the power of God came down and hit the enemy. Amen. It put them to flight, destroyed. What do you think came down? Come on now. If you could see you would see what Elijah saw. Amen. You would see what Elijah's servant saw when his eyes were opened. The hill was filled. The hill was filled round about. When that servant said to Elijah, "What are we going to do? The whole city is surrounded. The whole city is surrounded, we are in trouble. What are we going to do?" Elijah said, "God could you please open this man's eyes that he might see what I see?" When his eyes were opened he saw the hill lined with chariots of fire. Chariots of fire.

Do you think you have those chariots of fire? I think you just have a little more – every one of you. Every one of you is a powerful army in itself. Amen. If you can only realize this that you are not alone, that nothing can harm you, nothing can touch you. I know some Christians who pack a gun. Yes, they keep guns and they really feel “Boy, I’ve got to have this here to defend myself.” A gun is no defense to you. Amen. You better get down to God and realize that those angels of God can’t work with your gun. Amen. They can only work upon the faith which is whipped up and encouraged and strengthened by the praises of God. Hallelujah.

I want you to turn your Bibles with me and I will show you something. In Ezekiel Chapter 28 we see here the story about ~~Lucifer~~ (Heylel) and we see certain praises which give us into the insight of the performance of heaven. Praise God.

Ez 28:17 “Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.”

Ez 28:14 “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”

To explain what the anointed cherub that covereth means let me give you a simple example of what ~~Lucifer~~ (Heylel) was. There is God in the highest heaven and next to God, God in the highest heaven - glory shining down. Next to God here in this heaven of light, number two heaven of light, there are big powerful angels that cover the rest of heaven with their glory. They send off the light of God. Of these angels we have Michael and Gabriel, two that we know. Gabriel said that there were many others. That is what Gabriel said. So we know that God had many other bright angels like Michael, Gabriel and ~~Lucifer~~ (Heylel). Then ~~Lucifer~~ (Heylel) was the musician of heaven and he would cover heaven with the power of praise. When he started praising the whole of heaven had to praise. This is why the Bible says he was the covering cherub, the cherub that covered heaven with the praises of God. He thought that with all that power he would be able to cover them with his own thoughts and overcome them. God allowed him to walk up and down amidst the stones of fire because he himself was a stone of fire.

Do you understand what the words *stone of fire* means? It means *a bright shining one*. You see up here all the angels up here were described as stones of fire. I will explain to you why stones. The stone meant the only way that God could explain what they were to us is by giving you a diamond or a highly

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refractory stone, a stone that throws off light and then you would understand what a stone of fire was. He said:

He 1:7 “...Who (God) maketh ...his ministers a flame of fire.” (also in Ps 104:4)

These angels emanate light and glory. You are getting to be a person that emanates light. Do you know why? Because Jesus Christ is THE GREAT LIGHT. When He left you here He stated:

Mt 5:14 “Ye are the light of the world...”

Can you understand? Now if you become a light and the Bible says that:

Pr 4:18 “...the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”

So you are a light that increases. Well so was this, these angels up there. They were the light that overshadowed the whole of heaven with their light and their glory. As they overshadowed heaven heaven would begin to praise, or would begin to bring forth what was in them. If you look at Isaiah 14 it shows a little more light on the subject.

Is 14:12 “How art thou fallen from heaven, O ~~Lucifer~~ (Daystar), son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!”

Daystar means that he was one of the bright ones in heaven. Probably some of your translations have “Daystar” because that is what Lucifer means – light bearer; light one; a person of light.

Is 14:12 “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Daystar), son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!”

13 “For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt **my** throne above the stars of God...”

Don’t you see what I am talking? He overshadowed these stars of God and he wanted to rule over them and he said:

Is 14:13 “... I will exalt **my** throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:”

More than that, he says, “I will take you the people of God.” That is what he was talking about.

Is 14:13 “... *I will exalt **my** throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.*”

14 “*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*”

He wanted to come up here (where Father resides). He wanted to go up above the separation, the clouds, the division between him and God.

Is 14:14 “*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*”

15 “*Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*”

I am saying all this to say this brethren, that if in heaven heaven was brought together in one unit in praise. It was in praise that heaven was brought together as one unit. As the angels begin to praise God they came together under one glorious union with God and this is what brings us together – the praise, the hallelujah, the halal, the hahalal and the different forms of praise as they come forth from our soul this is what brings the angels of God to be one with us and the saints of God to be one with us and bring us to be one with each other when the glory and the life and the energy and the brightness of God begin to show forth in us and through us.

One scripture says, “praise is comely”. (Ps 33:1, 147:1) Praise is comely. Now another scripture says, “whoso offereth praise glorifieth God”. (Ps 50:23) “Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God.” Now what does that mean? “Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God.” How can you glorify God? Isn’t God full of all the glory? How can you glorify God? You glorify God by showing forth God’s glory. In other words you bring down that glory and that light and that power into a vessel that expresses it and other people can see it and this is the glory of God.

The last scripture. **GOD SAID, “YE ARE MY GLORY.”** Isn’t that wonderful? That God glories in us? Look brethren, do you think God has a bank account? Do you think God loves gold? Do you think silver means anything to Him? Suppose you offered Him some good land? Suppose you give Him a few more suns and moons? Would that mean anything to Him? No. You are His glory. God glory in you. God loves you. God appreciates you and God is always trying to get your faults out of you. When you praise God you attract light, energy light in your being. The more light that comes in the more darkness that goes out. Right in the midst of the praise you lose some of the devils that have been bothering you for years. That is the best way to cast devils out – just start praising God. The devil doesn’t like it, he flees from you when you praise God.

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Now you ask me one question, “How must I praise God when things are going bad? The Devil comes and smites me and he gives me a hard time and I am praising God for the smiting. How could I do that?”

You do it because you know God! Not because you believe in the Devil, because if God allows the Devil to smite you then something is behind it. Something is coming up. I don’t know what it is but God allowed the Devil to give me a hard time so I must have a victory around the corner.

God bless you in Jesus name. Any questions? We can discuss anything you have on your heart. If anybody has a word to bless us with please don’t deny us. Amen.

Question: When you were saying about praising God when you don’t really feel like praising God. Can you tell us more about that?

Brother Cecil: Yes. The time to praise God is when you don’t feel like praising God because when you don’t feel like praising God it means that the Devil has you down. When you start to praise Him the Devil will get disgusted and leave you and the angels of God will come and minister to you.

Question: How do the angels and the heavenly host see us? Can they actually see us as we are?

Brother Cecil: They are not only seeing us but they are with us. They are right here with us sharing our feelings, our fight, our battle, our victory. They participate in the victory thus they gain the experience that you get.

What I mean is let’s say for instance take an alcoholic and God sees that you are going to win. God would call every alcoholic person who never did overcome alcoholism but died and asked God for salvation and deliverance. God delivered him. Now he wants to be an overcomer of alcoholism. The spirits of alcoholism that had beaten him all his life, he has got to get an overcomer over them. Now he has got to learn from you. God called them and say, “Come here. This is a fellow that is having a victory.” When you gain the victory they really see how you gained the victory. They see how you overcome. This is the reason the Bible says that the heavenly host are learning through the church. That is what I read a while ago. I don’t know if you missed it.

Eph 3:10 *“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church (learning through the church) the manifold wisdom of God.”*

So they don't know how we are going to win because we don't look like winners. Let's face it. Amen. If the angels in heaven, some of them couldn't win the Devil who had gone and played around with him, they couldn't run around and overcome him and they know the power that he has – man I tell you!

They say, “It is going to be something to see these people beat him.”

So the scripture fully well supports what I am telling you, that the saints are here with us learning from us and participating in our victories.

Question: How do you know you are really praising God?

Brother Cecil: How do you know you are really praising God? Well because as you continue you will begin to start finding out that you are really praising Him. You see because the moment you say, “Praise God” you don't feel like praise God. You say, “Praise God. Praise God. Praise God.” The angels come down and start putting ideas in and you feel better, you start feeling better. Then you start pulling out of it and then you really start feeling better. So that is the proof in the pudding is in the eating thereof.

Question:

Brother Cecil: Oh my goodness. You are God's army on the field. Sure. The ones who are up there and everywhere else, we are fighting for them. This is why our battle is so important that we win. This is what we are living for. The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain waiting for the adoption of the sons of God. We overcome in the spirit, we overcome in the soul, we overcome in the body – redeem the body, the last thing to be redeemed.

Question:

Brother Cecil: The picture in the vision was all of heaven, you saw the picture of Abraham and the whole of heaven, the patriarchs. Hallelujah. A lot of angels, all of heaven was interested in us. Praise God. That is a vision from God. Praise the Lord. Amen.

You see I speak this boldly without any fear of conviction because I know what I am saying. It is not a dream. It is not a theory. It is something that I know about. That is why I am saying it boldly to people who some will understand and some won't but everybody eventually will. So I might as well tell you now, I might not have the chance again. Praise the Lord.

You see two places in Revelation brother John met two spirits. He thought the first one was Jesus he was so bright. He bowed down to worship him and he

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said, "Don't do it. I am a prophet, one of your brothers the prophets." He said, "Worship God." He went on again and he met another spirit and he thought it **was** Jesus again. He went to worship him and he said, "Don't worship me. I am one of the Christians who is saved by the blood of Jesus Christ." He said, "Worship God."

So we know the scripture proves to us that these brethren are angels, ministering spirits carrying messages and thoughts and things to us from God. The only thing is that we must not contact them, we must not try to contact them or we will contact the opposite number without knowing. But through Jesus we are in touch with them. The Bible says: "Bring together into one all things in heaven and on earth in Christ." (Eph 1:10) Amen.

Question: Are there any other benefits of these ministering spirits?

Brother Cecil: You mean for us or for them?

Question: To us.

Brother Cecil: Benefits to us – well they do travail with us and they do help us. I have seen visions of them helping in cases where it seemed everything was lost. You were low down and you just thought...and here come someone and strengthens you. Just like when that spirit came and touched John and strengthened him and he said he felt a surge of strength come through his body and he stood up on his feet.

Many times you find yourself supernaturally aided, supernaturally strengthened in a battle. A devil was sent to you to knock you clean off your feet, he was way above you in power and that was unfair but God sent you help from on high. You get out of it you don't know how. You say, "Praise God!" You never know when you get up yonder and you look at those screens you will find out what was happening and how often you went by death, how often you went by it.

When the Bible says the angels encamp around about them that fear Him – it does not necessarily mean that these angels were not men because we have angels in the flesh, we have angels that were created of God as angels and we have angels that were created as men. Do you follow me? In other words the word <aggelos> means messenger, the messengers of God. So in the Bible anytime a messenger of God came they said an angel. Sometimes these are men that the Bible referred to as angels. So praise be to God.

Sister Mavis duCille: The battle is still ours, they can only aide and abet us as we go forward. They have absolutely no power otherwise.

Brother Cecil: They are limited. They can only have power as we go forward. Both that devil and his host is limited and the host of heaven are limited. They are limited according to us. There are certain laws they function by. This is why when people step over certain boundaries sometimes they lose their lives, you see. But these angels cannot just come and **whop** the devil for instance, they can't do that but they can do what you tell them to do.

Question: If for example we have overcome and had a victory and spirits in heaven will benefit from that... What happens if a person here on earth backslides and loses his whatever it was that he overcomes?

Brother Cecil: Well they will come back and try to minister to you to strengthen you up back you see. But they have already learned their lesson because they participate in your battle in your thoughts in your feelings. They go through the same things that they used to go through before and they saw where they made their error and where they failed and where you overcome. So they learned their lesson again, not because your teacher turned back and backslide why you would throw away the book. You have learned it. They are learning through the processes and you see what is happening to the modern man is that there are greater temptations, more power loosed against him, greater struggle than any other type of man has, more distractions and everything. So these angels are really learning a lot more from us than they did from our predecessors.

Question: The only way these can function is by the Lord?

Brother Cecil: Yes. You see if they see your faith they can act. Once you believe God. "I believe God and I am just going through in the name of the Lord." You walk right through hell and you never know it because they just move and help you walk. They are walking on your faith. If you have no faith they can't do one thing because they can only move upon that energy. That is why we say, "Praise" if you don't have the faith you start praising God, suddenly you find yourself being lifted up in faith and you start doing better.

Question:...I saw a spirit and I rebuked it. Was that from God?

Brother Cecil: It must have been from God that the suggestion even came to your mind. You see these angels couldn't touch those devils that were pulling him away unless you told them and if you tell them with that authority they right away "GET HIM!" (You command in Jesus name a devil be bound and

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cast and that is the authority that they move on to bind and cast that devil.) They bind him according to your word and your strength because the battle is yours.

Question:...

Brother Cecil: What you are doing is you are only letting Jesus know that you know now what He does. If you ask Him, "Jesus help that person." That is what He is going to do anyhow. Just command... Do you remember the Centurion? He said, "I know you, I have men under me and I speak to men and they go. You have spirits under you and whatever you say they do it, so just speak the word." He command and spoke the word and it was done.

Question: You mentioned another scripture in Isaiah 45?

Brother Cecil: Yes. There is a slight contention about this scripture. Somebody believes it is a question sign which if put there would change the whole meaning. Nevertheless, the Spirit has told me to command:

Is 45:11 *"Thus saith the LORD, the Holy one of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me."*

Praise God. Whatever they mean, the meaning is I do know that God has told us to command and I give you a good example. When Joshua led the children of Israel before Ai and they turned back and were slaughtered by the enemy. Joshua couldn't understand what made God leave them so Joshua threw himself down on the ground and began to cry before God:

"Oh God, You promised me that You would be with me. How come You have left me? What is wrong God?"

God was disgusted with Joshua. God said, "Get up. What are you doing there?" He said, "You get up and go on and do your job. Sanctify Israel and do what you have got to do."

So Joshua got up and he cast lots and he found the man that was guilty. The Babylonish garment was buried underneath the tent and that is why they were turning back. He did what should be done, slew Achan and the armies of Israel went forth victoriously again. So it was a matter that you had the power to do it – do it.

Don't go and say, "O God help me please Lord!"

You have the power to do it – do it. In the name of the Lord you go forth and command the devil to loose his hold. This brings me to one point here. I want to talk to you sometime about it. The difference between a ministry and a gift? You see the gift of the Spirit is with the Spirit. Everybody who has the Spirit has the gift of the Spirit, has some gifts of the Spirit. But if you backslide from the Spirit and if you don't obey exactly the Spirit you still have that gift. One sister said the other day and it just amused me. I'm going to tell you.

She said, "God is not an *Indian giver*."

You know that is a word I never knew before I came to the United States. The idea is that it surprised me to see some men operating in the gifts of God and they weren't living good. They were just living out there and I thought "oh man, they were living up there". But then I can see the goodness of God not pulling away the gift so that the church might have the benefit of the gifts through all the ages regardless of the unfruitfulness of the vessels. But not so with the ministry – amen. You fool around with that ministry and you just mess up everything - you just don't make it. So if you want to have a ministry that is flowing in the Spirit you have to keep in touch with the Spirit. It is like a pipe that is hitched onto a reservoir. You can enter the whole reservoir if you want to by one little pipe, you just turn it up and keep it open and the whole reservoir will flow through that one pipe. Right? That is the ministry. That is the ministry. Anytime you stop that pipe up it is just finished, the flow is finished. You have what you got and that is it, nothing more.

Question: We are the...and we do have the right to send out the ministering angels because it says here: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister **for** (not to) them who shall be heirs of salvation."

Brother Cecil: Okay. In a sense yes you are right, but hear how you do it. I come along here, it has happened to me so often. I come along here and I see something wrong and I said, "Oh God I just wish this thing were right?" And "FLIP!" It is set right immediately. I speak the word. I didn't say, "O Jesus please send forth an angel and do this." I just spoke the word and the thing was fixed. Sometimes it is only a thought, I just think the thought, "I wish that were so and so..." It is done. You see once you are on line with God they act – they don't have to wait until Jesus has to tell them to act. But when they see the Jesus in you they act from the Jesus in you.

The reason we say it like this and we have to be very careful when we are preaching is that everything in the spirit as I tell you tonight, the things of the spirit I might break with you, they are real in another world. They are not only real in the Spirit of Christ but they are real in the spirit of the other spirits. It is

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very near, there is a very thin line and if the people of God are told that they can go about commanding the angels then if they are not walking with the Lord right it could easily slip off and go right into sorcery without knowing it.

Question: It says, “Who shall be heirs” – it doesn’t just say anybody who thinks he is... It doesn’t say everybody who claims it.

Brother Cecil: No. No. There is something there too. Who is going to decide who is heir? But you can know it too by the obedience that you receive in the spirit. You can know it from within you. The Spirit of God testifies to your spirit that ye are the sons of God. So all of us are called as heirs and joint heirs, we are called to that. So there is a big problem there and everybody believes that he is right there and that is one of the problems. If you see a brother that is bowed down and saying, “Oh I am no good. I am not an heir.” You try to encourage him up and lift him up and say, “You are an heir.” So there are a lot of problems there but because and especially in this time we are walking so near the line that the things of the Devil are going to come right up and challenge the church so that you have to be right there or your opposite number will have the upper hand.

So the Lord said, “there will be great signs and wonders and they will be shown by the anti-christ.” He said, “Even if it were possible even the elect would be deceived.” So you can imagine how powerful the witness will be.

Question: ...

Brother Cecil: ...wWhen they do it in ignorance I suppose God would still have a way for them...In other words the unpardonable sin is not something that you just do one time. It is a continuous thing that take you to a certain dimension that you can’t come back – you have driven the Holy Ghost away from you.

