

The true purpose of worship

This week we've been talking about worship. Do you realise we are part of a worship revival?

Jesus said these words to the woman at the well John 4:1-25. He said *'the time is coming and now is when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For such the Father is seeking. The Father is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.'*

Now here is the essence of this worship revival, He said the time is coming and now is. That means something started in the time of Jesus and it would keep increasing in the earth throughout generations, and the more we learned about God, the more we learned about His character and nature, the greater our worship would be.

In this same passage He said to the Samaritan woman, you Samaritans worship what you do not know. So He said you are worshipping, but you don't really know what you are doing. He said because salvation is of the Jews we know what we are doing when we worship. This is why worship in scripture would see supernatural outcomes, because they were not only worshipping, but they knew what they were doing. They were worshipping with understanding, they were worshipping with revelation.

There's a prophet in our church who has given us a great principle: **the principle is when we do intentionally what we have done by intuition we achieve acceleration.** There are a lot of things in worship that we do, we are just kind of stepping into, but if we understand how to do that on purpose, then we can see an acceleration of the worship's impact. We can see the spirit of revival accelerating. Is that what we are here for? We are not just here to sing a song, we are not just here to do some worship, but we are here to gain understanding about Him we are worshipping. We are here to gain understanding about the impact our worship has. If we understand these things we can see an acceleration.

So with that understanding I want to look at Psalm 67 tonight. Just 2 verses in **Psalm 67:5-7**. The verses say, *'Let the people praise Him, let all the people praise Him. Then the earth will yield its harvest, You O God our God will bless us, and all the peoples of the earth will fear His name.'*

So worshipping with understanding we see impact in 3 realms:

- We see that with worshipping with understanding **the earth will respond with harvest.**
- When we worship with understanding **heaven will pour out blessings,** and

- When we worship with understanding then **the people of the earth will have encounters with God.**

So this is what we are looking for. We want to impact the earth, we want the blessings from heavenly places, and we want the people of the earth to be impacted. So, I began to research these things.

How does our worship impact the earth? I began to look in the book of Genesis and in that book we see that God used sound to create everything that exists. God spoke the world into existence, so God used a sound to create the earth, and this is connected to the power of worship.

Scripture says that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, but they were still formless and void. They had no shape yet, they had no form yet. Then it says that the Holy Spirit began to hover across creation. The word **'hover'** in the original language means **to vibrate back and forth**. So we can say that the Holy Spirit started to release vibrations into creation. This is what we understand about matter, about existence, that it is both particles and vibrations. So in the beginning God created the particles that He would use to create all of heaven and all of the earth. But He hadn't shaped them together yet. And so Holy Spirit came and released vibrations, and the vibrations allowed the particles to come together.

Then it says that God said, 'Let there be...' and then whatever God spoke that matter would take on that shape.

I said earlier today that **every sound has a shape**. I want to show you an example of this in science. I want to show you a video (on screen). In this video we have a metal plate and we sprinkled some sand on top of it, and then we shot a sound wave into it, and the sand takes on the shape of the soundwave (on screen we can see the impact of different sounds creating different shapes on the sand and metal plate).

So remember how I said every sound has a shape. We are seeing an example of what happened in the book of Genesis. We first saw the blue sand sprinkled across the metal plate. It was formless and it had no shape. Then we released the vibration into it and the sand began to bounce up and down. But then the vibration took on a certain sound.

That sound was the voice of Jesus Christ, and whatever sound Jesus made, the earth took on that shape. So when the scripture tells us that our praise can affect the earth, we can believe it because of what we see in creation. We can understand that **all things were created through the sound of the voice of Jesus Christ.**

The New Testament says this: *‘in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God and all things were created through Him and without Him nothing was made that has been made’*. So, we know it is the voice of Jesus – that is the sound that created the earth.

- God the Father created the particles,
- Holy Spirit released the vibrations to bring them together, and
- Jesus the Word shaped them with the sound of His voice.

This is why it is so important that we **sing what God is saying, because God’s voice shaped everything that exists**, so it can still be shaped by His voice.

Scripture tells us that it is impossible for God to lie. We know this is true because of God’s holiness and morality, because He is righteous and good and pure. But it is also scientifically impossible for God to lie, because even if it wasn’t true a moment ago when God spoke it, the moment God speaks something all of creation scrambles to take on the shape of what He just said. **So the earth is still being shaped by the voice of the Lord**. So when I sing what God is saying the earth will respond to my song as if it’s God’s voice. Are you understanding me? Are you connected with this?

‘Let the people praise Him v5, Then the earth will yield its harvest.’ The land will respond to this type of praise. This is what we are looking for. This is why we want to sing what the Father is saying because it releases an authority over creation.

I understand that this city KK has had many names and one of the early names was Api Api, which means ‘Fire Fire!’ Now fire is one of the hardest things to control, in California right now we have terrible fires happening and thousands of homes are burning, but did you know that **sound can even shape fire?**

I want to show you an example of that. You are going to see a metal pipe which is about 1 metre long. It has 200 holes drilled in the top. At one end there is a gas tank, at the other end there is a speaker driver, so we just hooked a microphone to it, and whatever sound we put into the fire, the fire will take on that shape. I will first show you this example with our Native American tribal flute. (Flute plays on screen, fire is taking different shapes as it plays).

I wanted to see what it sounds like if I put a whole music band through it. Our India band plays through here. (fire responds to the sounds). Ok what did we just see? We saw sound shaping fire, we saw music shaping api api! (Applause).

So when we worship with understanding, it has the power to affect Api Api. So how does this work? I told you it’s **when we make the same sound that heaven is making**, this is the principle.

I want you to imagine for a moment this is a glass (plastic water bottle). We can break a glass with a sound, and the way we do that is we find out the sound of this glass, we strike it with a metal spoon (ping ping), then if I make that same sound, same frequency, the molecules inside will vibrate, and they will keep dancing until they can't keep up anymore. Then the glass will smash. Let me show you a video of that... (glass breaks with high frequency sound).

So sound has the power to create and sound has the power to break. And the scriptures say that the power of life and the power of death is in your tongue. He has put this creative power in your mouth. This is how your mouth is like a double edged sword. One edge can create and one edge can break. **So we can release the creative power of God with our songs, and we can break off sickness, oppression, disease with our songs.**

But here is the important principle. I could have that sound in this room (he sings a one tone lah...) but it wouldn't break this glass. I have to aim my voice at the glass, it's not just having the sound in the room, it's about having the understanding of what to do with your sound. It's about knowing what you aim our song at.

Is 55:11 says *'so is the word that goes out of my mouth', it says, 'it will not return unto me void, but it will accomplish the purpose for which I sent it forth to do'.*

The kind of worship I'm talking about is not just singing songs, but it is sending songs with a purpose. It's aiming our song at something to be created or something to be broken. The Father doesn't just speak words, He sends His words with an expectation. We shouldn't just sing songs, we should send our songs with an expectation, and that expectation can affect the land.

So back to our scripture. Ps 67:5 *'Let the people praise Him, Let all the people praise Him. Then the earth will yield its harvest. God, our God will bless us, then all the people of the earth will love and reverence His name.'*

And this is what we are looking for. Our song has the power to open heaven. I want to show you another video. This is a video where after a service someone had been preaching about the river of fire in the book of Revelation. After the service the band went up and began to sing, 'send the fire, send the fire'. So they were singing what the Lord was saying through the speaker. Now what happens when we sing what God is saying? Things begin to change, powerful things happen

So as the band began to sing 'send the fire', a sound started answering back from heaven, and it sounded a bit like the instrument that Josh had today, like a wind sound (vroom vroom), and it's like we had a fire in there, and He said this

is the sound of inside a fire. And whenever we would sing about fire or wind that sound would come. At one point the worship leader began to sing 'send the rain', and when he did the sound totally stopped, and so I ran over to them and said you're raining on the fire! Go back to the fire, and as soon as he said 'send the fire' the sound started again. It wasn't about singing a song, but singing with understanding. It was about singing what God was saying, so let's watch this final video.

(video plays on the screen)

So God is responding every time we sang about fire or wind. When we sang what God was saying, God responded, but when we sang what we were thinking about - rain, nothing happened, because true worship is agreeing with heaven. True prayer is agreeing with heaven. The prophetic is saying what God is saying and so the Samaritans were singing songs but they didn't know what they were doing, they were honest and sincere in their hearts, perhaps their music was really good, perhaps people were enjoying their songs, but nothing was changing. There was no real impact, the earth was not shaken, the heavens were not opened, the people were not changed, because they were not worshipping with understanding.

The understanding is that we sing what God is saying, that we play the sounds that God is releasing, and then that will impact the earth and the heavens and the people.

This week we've been giving you keys, the keys to recognise what God is saying, the keys to write songs from that place, the keys to use sounds that will touch the land, the keys that will use sounds that will touch people's hearts. And so now it's your choice, will you sing 'fire' or will you sing 'rain', because God's doing fire.

Stand with me. Send the fire, send the fire, send the fire Lord! We want to hear your voice, we want to say what you are saying, we want to sing with understanding, we want to release the power of your song, to release the power of your voice, let it touch the earth O God. Lord pour out your blessings from heaven and may all the peoples of the earth love and reverence your name.

Lord, open this understanding to our hearts, and we will sing Lord what you are saying, and we will release the sound of heaven in the earth, we will release the song of the Lord in the sound of the people.

Let the people praise Him, let all the people praise Him, Let the people praise Him, Let all the people praise Him, Let the voice of the Chinese be heard, Let the voice of the indigenous be heard, let the voice of each nation and each tribe be heard. Lord as this worship comes forth, let it have its supernatural power and depth, and make this truth in us and through us, in Jesus' Name.