UNDERSTANDING PRAISE By Apostle Jacquelyn Fedor

If we want victory in a supernatural battle, God and His heavenly army must help us. Psalm 22:3 in the New King James tells us God enthrones the praises of His people, meaning His presence will manifest in our environment as we praise Him, and He will take up residence in our lives. The Old King James version of the Bible says God inhabits the praises of Israel. The word inhabit in Hebrew means to "sit down, remain, to settle, to marry"! So God abides with us, comes as a partner, a husband to us as we sing praises to Him.

Psalm 102:18 tells us there is a generation of people that were not yet created in David's time, that would be a different kind, a different seed, than the previous creation, ones that would be created specifically to praise.

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18 This will be written for <u>the generation</u> to <u>come</u>, that <u>a people yet to be</u> <u>created may praise</u> the LORD.

Praising is to be their occupation, their job, their part in re-establishing God's Kingdom to the earth. They are heaven's contact with earth. God sings through them to created the new, and defeat the old, to bring love and peace to His people, and sudden destruction to His enemies. They are vessels He prophesies or speaks His desires for this planet through. Jesus says in **Hebrews 2:12**

12 saying: "<u>I will declare Your name</u> to My <u>brethren</u>; in the <u>midst</u> of the <u>assembly I will sing praise to You</u>." (This is the song of the Lord. How does Jesus sing? Obviously through a human vessel.)

Joel 3:16

16 <u>The LORD</u> also will <u>roar from Zion</u>, and <u>utter His voice</u> from <u>Jerusalem</u>; The <u>heavens and earth will shake</u>; but <u>the LORD</u> will be a <u>shelter</u> for <u>His</u> people, and the <u>strength</u> of the <u>children of Israel</u>. (The Lord roars against His enemies through warfare praise.)

Zephaniah 3:17

17 <u>The LORD</u> your God <u>in your midst</u>, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, <u>He</u> will <u>rejoice over you with singing</u>." (Once more, how does He sing? Through His praisers.)

Again, God's praise warriors are the point of contact between the heavens, paradise and earth. As they praise from the heavenlies and we praise from here, we all become one with God. Let us look at:

Psalm 148:1-5

1 Praise the LORD! <u>Praise the LORD</u> from the <u>heavens</u>; <u>Praise Him</u> in the <u>heights</u>!

2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

4 Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them <u>praise the name of the LORD</u>, for <u>He commanded</u> and they were <u>created</u>.

All of the universe is combined, or joins, into our praise! Now here we are as His praisers in Psalm 149.

Psalm 149:1-3

1 <u>Praise the LORD</u>! <u>Sing</u> to the LORD <u>a new song</u>, and His <u>praise</u> in the <u>assembly of saints</u>. (not hymns, not previously written music, but spontaneous praise)

2 Let <u>Israel rejoice</u> in their <u>Maker</u>; let <u>the children of Zion</u> be joyful in their <u>King</u>. (rejoice in Hebrew means to spin around and shout)

3 Let them <u>praise His name</u> with the <u>dance</u>; let them <u>sing praises</u> to Him with the <u>timbrel and harp</u>. (This is nothing like the old church acts! If this is how we get victory, no wonder they walked in such defeat.)

Psalm 149:6-9

6 Let the <u>high praises of God</u> be <u>in their mouth</u>, and <u>a two-edged sword</u> in their <u>hand</u>, (In other words, sing truth to the wind, prophesy to the wind as in Ezekiel 37.)

7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; (Stamp out their false doctrines, and the lies of the tree of good and evil. Punish lawlessness.)

8 To <u>bind their kings with chains</u>, and <u>their nobles</u> with <u>fetters of iron</u>; (pull down the rulers of darkness, loose them from God's people and His plans, and bind them in the pit of hell)

9 To <u>execute on them</u> the <u>written judgment</u> - This <u>honor</u> have all His <u>saints.</u> <u>Praise the LORD</u>!

The victory over this world and its ruler was won before the foundation of the earth. We are to praise it into being. In other words, things already accomplished in the supernatural that to us are invisible, will become visible at the point of contact between praise and God. As He sings through us, His breath, with His life in it, brings life into dead situations and even creates new where necessary. Thus, a new heaven and a new earth is literally being sung into being. To be a part of this contact point we must be in total harmony with truth and God's thoughts on the design of the new project. His idea of government, education, economy and worship must be understood and agreed on. There can be no hypocrisy. We must therefore unitedly

worship Him in spirit, and in truth, for the contact to spark life. This means truly separating in our hearts from this world that came into being through Satan's thoughts, compliments of Eve. The whole contact point must be clean, made perfect through the blood of the Lamb and washed in the Word to touch or make a good connection with our Holy God. The Lord has tried to help us make this connection as He warned us to <u>not touch anything unclean</u>, to <u>be holy as He is holy</u> and <u>lift up the sacrifice of praise</u>. There is a very exciting thing that can happen as our spirits come together in one accord, to sing with the legions of God's angels and the great cloud of witnesses that surround us from paradise. When we all unitedly make that perfect connection to God, what a tremendous power surge! What changes it can bring!

The scriptures allude to God's voice sounding like a trumpet.

Revelation 1:10

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Revelation 4:1

1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And <u>the first voice which I heard</u> was <u>like a trumpet speaking with me</u>, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place

after this."

Now let us turn to I Corinthians 15:51-53 and apply alternate definitions as described in the Strongs Concordance in the Greek dictionary.

I Corinthians 15:51-52

51 Behold, <u>I tell you a mystery</u>: We shall <u>not all sleep</u> (or die), but we shall all be <u>changed</u>— (made different, something else)
52 <u>in a moment</u> (in the splitting of an atom), in the <u>twinkling of an eye</u> (at the strike of the open palm, eyes will be made wide open), at the <u>last</u> (final)
<u>trumpet</u> (reverberation of God's voice). For the <u>trumpet</u> (song of the Lord)
will sound (vibrate or agitate), and the <u>dead will be raised incorruptible</u> (undecaying, unending existence), and we shall be <u>changed</u> (made different, something else).

As the two realms, heaven and earth, become one at this point of contact, a new life force will be released into those that form this point. They will be changed to the image of Jesus.

I Corinthians 15:49

49 And <u>as we have borne the image of the man of dust</u> (Adam), we shall <u>also</u> <u>bear the image</u> of the <u>heavenly Man</u> (Jesus). In His image, these are created to praise not control, though dominion will be given them. They are ones that love God and keep His commandments, yet no law, physical or supernatural, can hinder them. These are 100% for the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of God is 100% for them.

Romans 8:29-30 explains:

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son (no longer will we walk in bondage to the world or in the knowledge of good and evil, but as He is, as the Word), that <u>He might be the firstborn among many brethren</u>.

30 Moreover <u>whom</u> He <u>predestined</u>, <u>these</u> He <u>also called</u> (for this end time); <u>whom</u> He <u>called</u>, these <u>He also justified</u> (through His blood); and <u>whom</u> He <u>justified</u>, <u>these He also glorified</u> (or made incorruptible).

I Peter 1:23 says it this way:

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23 having been <u>born again</u>, <u>not</u> of <u>corruptible seed</u> but <u>incorruptible</u>, <u>through</u> <u>the word of God</u> which lives and abides forever,

Romans 8:19 and 21 tells the rest of the story.

19 For the <u>earnest expectation</u> of the <u>creation eagerly waits</u> for the <u>revealing</u> of the <u>sons</u> (Strongs Concordance says children) <u>of God</u>.

21 <u>because the creation itself also</u> will <u>be delivered</u> from <u>the bondage of</u> <u>corruption</u> into the <u>glorious liberty</u> of the <u>children of God</u>.

I Corinthians 15:54 proclaims the final victory.

54 So <u>when this corruptible has</u> put on <u>incorruption</u>, and this <u>mortal has</u> put on <u>immortality</u>, <u>then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written</u>: "<u>Death is swallowed up in victory</u>."

So in closing, while praising the Lord, with the cosmic chorus reverberating throughout the universe, there will come a moment when that perfect contact is made, and we are changed. At last the manifested children of God will appear, and all will be restored. Is this not reason to want to praise, to dance, to clap, rejoice and shout, "let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord!"

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