



# There Is More

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There is more. There is more in store for the believer than what we see today. The general experiences of Christendom have been very blessed, but there is still much to enter into.

It is normal for the Christian to put things way off into the future, when there are truly heavenly experiences reserved for the Christ's called out ones here on earth. The experience of many Christians is to cope with the daily drudgery of life, while looking ahead to the Glories after our departure from earth. The rewards in Heaven are truly indescribable for the believing soul, but there is still more for the believer on this side of heaven.

Mankind was made to have fellowship with God, to be like God, and to rule. When God's great plan is complete, He will have all of His Creation in a place of fellowship with him, with dominion over the earth.

Gen 1:26 And God said,

1. Let us make man in our image,
2. after our likeness:

3. and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen. 1:27 So God created man in his (own) image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Yes, there will be multitudes that will pay the great penalty for their sins for a long, long, period of time, but God has a place referred to as hell that will soften the hearts of the vilest sinner. In God's great plan, he will empty out hell of its

prey at the appointed time, and bring the captives into a place of fellowship with Him.

Eph. 4:8-10 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, And gave gifts unto men. (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended into the lower parts of the earth. He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

1 Pe. 3:18-20 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, that aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water:

Rom. 8:19-21. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.

Cor. 15:21-23 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits; then they that are Christ's, at his coming.

Phil. 2:10 that in the name of Jesus

every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth,

After a few moments of the disciplining fire of hell, the rich mans heart was filled with compassion for his family. The remedial, or correcting fire of hell was performing its intended purpose of cleansing and correction as described by Luke:

Luke. 16:24-29 And he (the rich man in hell) cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things: but now here he is comforted and thou art in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that they that would pass from hence to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from thence to us. And he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house; for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. But Abraham saith, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

But there are more experiences that God has intended for the Church to enjoy during this earthly journey. There is "a place" of overcoming. A place of fellowship with Jesus Christ. A place of full identification with Christ. A place of complete unity with Christ. A place that few have actually experienced that

is reserved for the Church.

Jesus prayed to our Father for the Church of all ages and asked: "Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word; that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that thou didst send me." John 17-20-21.

There is more. We are told by the writer of Hebrews of that "rest" or place of experience that we must enter into. Heb. 4:9-11 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God (did) from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

We are encouraged to reach out for more, to a place of perfection or completeness in Christ: Heb. 6:1-2 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us GO ON UNTO PERFECTION: not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of

hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

God has established His appointed ministries to bring each member of the body of Christ into a greater experience.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers;

1. For the perfecting of the saints,
2. For the work of the ministry,
3. For the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: Eph. 4:11-13.

There is more. Paul glimpsed the indescribable. Perhaps it was when he caught up into the third heaven and "heard unspeakable words" as in 2 Cor. 12:4. Or perhaps it was when Jesus Himself threw Paul from his high and mighty position to the earth, and spoke with all His majesty and brightness during Paul's Damascus road experience.

Paul longed for what we long for. For more. *"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fel-*

*lowship of his sufferings, being made comfortable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."* Phil. 3:10-11.

Paul spent his life faithfully serving the Lord, and always looking ahead for more of Christ. The forgiven saint can still remain in bondage, if they continue to look behind them, to their past life, or past mistakes and sins. Or even to their past experiences. Israel failed by always looking back to Egypt. Let us not fail. Let us look forward.

I heard someone say that when you drive down the road of life, spend more time looking through the front windshield than you do behind you in the rear view mirror.

Phil. 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but (this) one thing (I do), forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us press toward that same mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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# Meditations on Psalm 126

By Darryl Amundson

I am thankful that the Lord is calling all who would hunger and thirst after Him and His righteousness into the fullness of what He has prepared for them that love Him. He has done great things, and even now, in this day is doing great things for us. All over the Church, when the people meet together, whether it is local services, or gatherings such as the regional camps and feasts, one can't help but sense the feeling of victory in the Camp of the Lord. Despite many trails and afflictions, singing and joy in the Lord is what rises to the rafters as the Holy Spirit leads us in worship.

Psalm 126 has been very precious to me as of late, and the messages we have been hearing just seem to confirm what the Lord has been speaking to my heart about. That is what He has done for us in the past, in this present Move of the Spirit, and what He yet would have us to enter into. He has been moving by His Spirit since the beginning of time, but the revival and outpouring in the late 1940's till now is what I will write in

light of.

In all that my heart has been crying out for, one of my biggest pleas is that we would have a deeper hunger for the things of the Spirit, for more of Him. It is out of this hunger that the Lord will answer according to our need. Let us always seek for more of Him regardless of what He has already done for us in the past...

Psalm 126:1 "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream." It has been said that this Present move of the Spirit was borne on the wings of Prophecy, and Prophecy springs forth from a dreaming heart. Jer. 23:28 "The Prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? Saith the Lord." Oh how I thank God for those in the beginning who dared to dream. Those who had the heart to really take seriously what the Lord was saying to them. As one reads the different accounts, or talks to ones who were part of the great out-

pouring in the beginning, you can even sense it. You can yet see it in their eyes as they reminisce. Oh the dreaming that must have been, oh the possibilities in the realm of the spirit that knows no limitations! An open door? A new thing? A presbytery? A coming together?

Well, that dreaming is paying off, so to speak, for the Lord has been bringing these things to pass. He has indeed turned the captivity of Zion His Beloved. A Light has shone on the horizon, and little by little He is leading us out of the wilderness. An important and substantial step was taken in 1948 when the words "At this time I will restore..." came forth. The restoration of the gifts of the Spirit by the laying on of hands made it that the Coming together of the Body of Christ could be a reality.

As the Lord desires to continue working in our midst in various ways, we need to do some dreaming of our own. "Where there is no vision the people perish." With this vision ahead of us we can see our inheritance in Christ. If we

would meditate on these things they would become a reality to us; and the faith that comes from God would allow us to enter into them. Jer. 23:18 "For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived his word? Who hath marked his word and heard it?" Let His Holy Spirit quicken us and allow the scriptures to inspire us to dreaming and then be faithful to speak forth that dream or vision. We then can all be edified and prepared for the next part of our journey.

Vs 2 "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing." There are many victories being won on this road to restoration and it makes for a joyous time. We also read great and precious promises of a faithful God who will complete the work He has started, and one can't help but sing his praises. As I mentioned before, so often in local meetings, camp times; through prophecy and song, it is victory and thankfulness that are the theme. Not only is thankfulness Gods will for us, but it is also a major key to being 'able' to receive more of what the Lord has in store for us, and shouts of victory then claim as our own what He has done. Certainly laughter and singing ought to be the mark of Gods people, for we have no reason whatsoever to portray ourselves any other way despite what afflictions we may go through. It reminds me of a song we sing in Isaiah 51:11 "Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." Oh what wonderful hope we have in Jesus!

The next part of the verse I find so wonderful: "Then said they among the heathen, the Lord hath done great things for them." Unbelievers should and will notice the countenance of the people and will know that it is the Lord who in His righteousness is blessing us. If we can just take this scripture the way it is, and I believe that we can, then what it is saying is that we won't have to tell them, and they won't have to ask. They won't be saying 'Wow, what a lucky people they are,' or 'My, things are really going their way' or 'What's so special about them, that they can be so glad?' They will know it is of the Lord, and there will be that witnessing in their hearts by the Holy Spirit. When the joy of the Lord is upon His people, we won't be able to hide it. No bushel or pitcher will be able to hide the Light shining forth from His

sons. The veil of the flesh will be much too thin to cover the Light of men. Let us all really put our trust in the Lord that we might be at rest, and that our joy may be full. Praise His name; this puts a twist in what most call 'evangelism.' This is Kingdom Evangelism at it's finest. Then will come to pass that which has been spoken by the Spirit of the Lord 'And they shall not teach every man his neighbor and every man his brother saying know the Lord, for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest' And in another place 'the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.' As well He says 'you shall be witnesses unto me both is Jerusalem, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' Any past attempt at spreading the gospel of our own acts and words will pale so much in comparison to when the joy of the Lord is on His people. Oh praise the Lord!

Vs 3 "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Surely, the children of the Lord have every right to shout and sing. This we can attest to in all His many blessings He has brought our way through Christ Jesus. He has done many wondrous things for us and that **IS** why we are glad. We, as the body of Christ, really need to encourage and remind each other of these things. There is time given in our local meetings for testimony and exhortation, as well as singing in the spirit and prophecy. We should take every advantage of these opportunities to give praise to God, uplift one another, as well as giving ourselves a chance to grow, through ministry. Isn't it wonderful that as we feed ourselves, others grow, and as we feed others, we grow into that maturity that the husbandman waits so patiently for? It is in this way that the body makes increase of itself in love.

Vs 4 "Turn again our captivity O Lord, as the streams in the south." There must be some mistake. Can I be reading that verse correctly? Does it not say in verse one that the Lord has already turned again their captivity, and that is why they are so glad? I have often wondered as to the fuller meaning of this verse until one day it almost jumped on me. Yes, it is true that the Lord has turned our captivity around, yes he has lead us out of Babylon and out of this worlds system. Yes, as a people he has turned us around, and pointed us in the way everlasting, on the right road, but that is not the end. Yes, he has given us gifts of the

Spirit; yes we have prophesied in His name and in His name have cast out devils. Wonderful works and manifestations have also been done in the name of the Lord, but that is not the end, or the destination. It is really only a means to the maturity and perfection He would have in us, that we might go out into the entire world and show forth His Glory. We would do well to be obedient to the gift that the Lord has given us and not neglect it, but stir it up **FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.** Heb. 6:1-3 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit." I believe that God is not only permitting us to go on, but is really encouraging us at this time.

There are two major types of streams. One is called intermittent. This type of stream will flow in the spring or rainy season, but come summer time, or a time without rain, it will dwindle to a trickle and dry up. Is this what the Lord had in mind with our restoration from captivity? I think not!

The other type of stream is what I believe the Psalmist is talking about. This is the stream that keeps flowing all year round for its source does not dry up. Rain or shine these streams have life in them and transfer that life to all it comes in contact with. Now I'm not a geographer by any stretch of the imagination, but I can look in the back of my bible to the little map showing the Holy land and see that in the south there are little blue lines signifying streams or rivers. If they show up on the little map that I have then I must think that they are significant. Oh Praise the Lord! These streams don't stop, but they keep flowing, for their source is virtually unlimited. How much more is our Source of Life and Peace and Joy unlimited? This is how we want our restoration to be; continuous and without end. We don't have to worry about our source drying up for these are the waters that issue forth from the east country, from the very throne of God. Waters to swim in Praise the Lord!

Our prayer should then be the same. Turn **AGAIN** our captivity O Lord, as the ever-flowing streams in the south. Keep restoring Lord, keep reviving, keep purging and keep flowing. You have

placed us on the right path, but don't leave us here. Don't allow us to dry up, but lead us on right out of the wilderness. We can be so close to the Resurrection Life we hear of, even with one foot in the door so to speak, yet if we stay where we are, we are still in the wilderness. We need a full recovery. There is so much to attain to. Even all that which has been obtained for us by the Blood of Christ, yes all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. Please, let us never think that we have enough, for we know that He is eternally progressive, and that of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, for the zeal of the Lord of Hosts shall perform it. Let us always foster that hunger and that recognition of our need for Him and His anointing.

Without that Source from above we will surely dry up, leaving only a bitter pool of stagnant ritual, having little resemblance of true religion, and having nothing whatsoever to do with true and spiritual worship. May God be merciful to us.

Vs. 5.6 "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." In the

years surrounding the beginning of this present move of the Spirit there were many tears sown on behalf of them and us who were to later reap benefits of this great outpouring. We are enjoying many things that were 'won' for us back there. I am eternally grateful and thankful for each heart that cried out to God. Each one that prayed and set themselves to fasting had a part in what we are now partaking of, in the same way that those who follow us will if we persevere. This seems somewhat of a prerequisite to revival, and if we are going to be receiving more for us and then our children, we perhaps have to do some sowing of our own. Hosea 10:12 "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you."

The joy that we have, and the praise that we bring to our God in the presence of the people is no doubt a fruit of the time spent in the prayer closet damp with tears. This praying, and fasting is what puts us on the front lines of the warfare, which is taking place in the heavenlies. So this verse is a promise. If we sow in tears, we will reap in joy. This is a joy that the world cannot give, real joy that comes from within, not from the

circumstances about us. That real joy comes from us bearing a precious Seed, which is Christ within in, the hope of Glory, the Word of Life. With Christ lifted up in our hearts and lives we can be assured that the harvest will come in a hundred-fold from what we have sown. We will really be able to talk harvest when the 'new evangelism', the Kingdom of God is ushered in. It also mentions that we will carry our sheaves with us. I don't know what this fully means but it does sound wonderful. Many times we do not see the fruit of our labors in the Lord; only knowing that they are not in vain. I'm quite sure though, that in carrying these sheaves, or the fruit of the harvest, we will gladly lay them down at the feet of Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us.

These things are for us, and are ours if we will trust Him and follow Him. We know faith is the substance of all that we hope for in Christ; the very proof that what He has promised will, or already has come to pass. (Heb. 11:1)

If we allow Him to take us all the way, through the valleys, the garden, the mountains and the wilderness, we will arrive at the fullness of His blessing. Praise be to His wonderful name!

# Music and Musicians

*By Brian Hannigan*

Music is one of the greatest gifts that God has given to mankind.

When we truly begin to understand the kindness and love of God for mankind and the personal, sacrificial interest He takes in our welfare, our hearts long for expressions of gratitude and respect for Him. Music and song can fulfill that longing.

At other times we yearn for a deeper fellowship with our Lord, and again our hearts hunger for utterance that will convey our feelings to Him. "This is the time I must sing."

Whether in solitude or in the congregation, it is often through music and song that we can open our hearts to God, and arise in the melodic fellowship of worship and of praise. Singing that flows out from the center of our sincere heart unto God will never leave us where

we began, but will lift us into the realm where He is.

It is the song from our heart that God hears when we worship. It is the outpouring of our inner self that He finds important. That is the real music that He hears. The song from the heart supersedes talent and ability. It is from the abundance of the heart He finds pleasure.

Our God-given capacity to produce and enjoy music assists us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. It thrills us to sing praise to God. Anointed words and music lift us to where we can "turn our eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

Whenever the Holy Spirit is predominant in a congregation, the

attention is drawn heavenward, and away from personality and performance. Gifts and ministries operate in harmony and excellence with each other. God becomes the unseen conductor, where order and beauty emerge at His bidding as the various members blend together. The anointing lifts the whole Church, and lives are changed. Excellence is measured by the richness of the anointing.

Someone is directed by the Holy Spirit to lead the meeting. This is a very serious responsibility. Elders may fill this role, but they should also encourage other brothers of the congregation, who are sensitive to the moving of the Holy Spirit, to lead meetings.

The purpose of leading the meeting

is NOT to preach or teach; rather, it is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead the whole congregation into the very courts of God, so that their hearts are being groomed to be responsive to His voice. Later on, whether God speaks in prophecy, singing in the Spirit or by a message from the word of God, or in all of these ways; whether some will need faith to be healed, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit, a testimony, a repentance, intercessions; the soil of our hearts have been stirred in readiness to receive. Leading the meeting is not confined to definitions of “a song service” or “praise and worship.” God may have much more in mind than music. The one indicated to lead the meeting must learn to be very sensitive to the moving of the Holy Spirit.

The musicians and the entire congregation must carefully follow the one that leads the meeting. It is perfectly in order for someone from the congregation to raise a song; still they must allow the leader to lead. Recognize that it is God endeavouring to lead the meeting through the brother who has been indicated. It is necessary that the singers and musicians do not wrestle that responsibility away.

The one who leads may feel to have some singers join him at the front, especially if he is not confident musically. These brothers and sisters can be a big help to him, while not interfering with his role.

Musicians can make a significant contribution by creating a foundation of sound on which the singers can depend. The role of musicians is to ASSIST THE SINGING. The music should NEVER dominate the voices, but support. There is a great disorder today that has spoiled many congregations, where the musicians drown out the singers. This is the way of the world, not the way of God. God wants to hear from our hearts. If we cannot even hear ourselves sing because of the volume of music, we are distracted from true worship. I have noticed that where this disorder exists, it is difficult for people to harmonize their voices. The music volume should be low enough that you can hear the congregation harmonizing.

Believers are called to “*come out from among them, and be separate, and touch not the unclean thing.*” We are admonished to “*keep ourselves unspotted from the world.*” Likewise, the Holy Spirit will appeal to the

musicians and singers to guard the musical influences in their lives, and to not let their affection for music be tainted by conformity to the world. Paul, in writing to Timothy, gave an exhortation that we should all give heed to: 1 Timothy 4:14-16 *Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Mediate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*

Christians must be careful not to worship music. Music is a gift from God that facilitates our capacity to worship Him. It has its place. Today there are contests with financial rewards that pit Christian against Christian to come up with the best Christian songs. This is a disorder. When King David returned the Ark of the Covenant on the wrong conveyance, 1 Chronicles 13, God brought judgment. Holy words must be conveyed in holy music and both words and music must be inspired ONLY by God Himself.

Elders, parents and traveling ministries are set by God in the Church to be cautious about what is acceptable music for the Church and the home; for they love the Church, and watch for your souls. There are many tried and true hymns and choruses that seem to attract the very heavens to come down into our midst. Let musicians and singers readily submit to setting aside those songs that do not witness in the hearts of those set over the Church and the homes. Let us be workers together. Let the parents guard their homes against the music of this present evil age.

Desolation is defined in my dictionary as “barren wasteland,” and “forsaken.” When there is no anointing, there is no flow of the river of Life. Jesus Christ, the “Anointed One” is overshadowed by human zeal and emotion. If that occurs in the congregation, if there is no moving of the Holy Spirit, but instead, human effort, it is desolation, and a tragedy for the people of God. Do not mistake enthusiasm or skill for anointing.

I have also heard musicians filling in every moment with music. They have played when the singing has stopped, when people are praying, and when people are speaking. This is a disorder

unless they are directed to do so by the one leading the service. One elder from a far country noted that the pianist/song-leader was so proficient at moving from one beautiful worship song to the next, that opportunity to prophesy was crowded out by continual singing. There are times for the instruments to be silent.

Singing in the Spirit is a rich expression of love and affection between the Bridegroom and the Bride. If you listen to the songs in the Spirit, you will hear the dialogue of love being exchanged between Christ and the Church. Make room for singing in the Spirit. If you have not entered in for a while, ask God to refresh you again. Be careful that choruses and hymns are not crowding out God moving in this wonderful way. Singing in the Spirit should be common in your local Church. Harken to the gentle prompting of the Lord, and He will edify the whole Church with the new songs. In Hebrews 2:12 we read of Jesus Christ singing to us in the midst of the Church. The Psalms are a rich example of singing a new song unto the Lord.

When God moves in that manner, everyone can sing in the Spirit as a heavenly choir. Everyone. Open your mouth and praise him with the entire congregation. Then listen for individuals who will bring forth a new song, never before sung. One by one they lift their voice in praise, and you may hear others gently humming along with the solo as they are caught away with the anointing. When the solo is finished, you may hear the entire congregation joining again in a choir of praise until the next solo is raised. The purpose of God is fulfilled when the anointing reaches a peak.

Clapping of hands can be anointed when unctioned by the Holy Spirit. This also requires discernment by the Spirit. We should not assume that clapping is always, or even usually appropriate. Members of the congregation must not collectively drive the songs by their clapping. Again, the Lord will direct the one leading the meeting, and you can follow his lead. One of the traveling ministries cautioned us many years ago about too much clapping, saying, “It is very easy for the flesh to come together.”

The carnal flesh is often preoccupied by the tempo. Singing songs too slow or too fast does not make them more holy. Dragging songs is a distraction and a disorder, as is racing the tempo. When led by the Holy Spirit, the tempo of the

song will match the mood of the Holy Spirit. That can occasionally be a slow or a rapid tempo. Occasionally. The primary goal of the song or chorus is to bring an anointed message that will transform us from glory to glory and lift up Jesus Christ as King and Lord of all.

When the anointing becomes richer and deeper with a particular song, the Holy Spirit may lead for it to be sung over and over. Another similar song may follow. God is likely using the message to touch hearts and develop a theme that He has in mind. The rich moving of the Holy Spirit is an indication that we are fitting in with God's plan and purpose for the meeting. His will is being done on earth as it is in heaven. God is setting the stage for our hearts to respond to His heart. Often, when the anointing seems to reach a high point, the order of the service will change and God will minister through prophecy, or from the written word. Let the one leading use discernment.

If a song doesn't draw the moving of the Holy Spirit, then it need not be repeated at that time. The one leading the meeting will usually have a sense of what God is blessing, and direct the

meeting accordingly. When a song is coming to an end, musicians and singers can glance at the brother directing the service to see if they are supposed to continue or not.

Singers and musicians often have a huge repertoire of songs, and know many that pertain to certain themes. For example, there are many songs about the blood of Jesus. As the Holy Spirit develops His theme they must be careful not to assume that any one of those songs will be suitable. It is a matter of being led by the Spirit.

Musicians and singers wait on their ministry at home. Opportunities to minister in the local Church are not limited to only the best abilities. "Each esteems others better than themselves." Encourage young musicians and singers.

The emphasis on talent and human excellence increases when the anointing decreases. Under these conditions the interest of the congregation is averted to the program taking place on the platform. Enthusiasm replaces the moving of the Holy Spirit. Curious crowds gather. The most talented singers and musicians dominate, and too little thought is given to whether their lives

are anointed and holy, and what music they cherish in their daily lives. Bereft of the anointing, songs are chosen that will stir the emotions, and leaders endeavour to whip up the audience. Rhythms and melodies, and frothy songs borrowed from the world contaminate that place that should be filled with holiness. The methods are soulish and even sensual, and the fruit is evident by the response of the people. People are reduced to a fleshy experience of "enjoying themselves," instead of enjoying God and the life-changing flow of His Holy Spirit. Entertainment ensues. Performance and professionalism do not impress God. Whether talented or lacking, it is the sincerity of the person's heart that delights God. It is the God-inspired words and melody that He uses.

Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness. Standards for holiness are set by God, not by man. Where two or three are gathered in His Name, that is where Christ will attend Church. When the "Anointing One" is given pre-eminence, the anointing will flow. It is by the Holy Spirit that we are changed into His image and His likeness.

# Watch Our Life!

*By Dave Levson*

It is important to watch five areas of our life - our mouth, our heart, our mind, our spirit, and our actions.

1. **"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips"**  
Psalm 141:3 Lots of times we say things that are not loving, not encouraging, or are foolish. In this psalm, David is explaining that it is important to watch what we say. In his time, soldiers would stand on the high walls of a city, such as Jerusalem, to watch for an enemy coming that would attack the city. In the same way, we are instructed to watch what comes out of our mouth. Similarly, we are encouraged to pay close attention to the door of our lips. A lot of things may come to our heart and mind but we must keep the door of our lips to prevent things that are not good from getting out. We must consider whether what we say will negatively affect others, whether it is gossip (Proverbs 16: 28 says "...a

whisperer separateth chief friends.") whether it is not proud or arrogant, whether it is the truth and not deceit, whether it is motivated by the right attitude in our heart, whether it is loving or encouraging and whether it is wise.

If we think we are not guilty of inappropriate words, consider James 3: 2-6. "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindeth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue

among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Notice what Jesus says about calling someone a fool. Matthew 5:22 "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement: and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. "Raca was an ancient Jewish expression of utter contempt meaning worthless.

In Proverbs 10:19, “In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.” We are taught that talking too much will lead us into trouble. Furthermore James 1:19 “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...” teaches us to listen carefully and not rush our words, avoid saying too much or not being careful about what and how we say something. We should ask the Lord to teach us what and how to say something before we say it. If we fail, we should ask forgiveness of the other person and the Lord. On the positive side, Proverbs 25:11 says, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.”

**2. Heart**

Not only should we watch what comes out of our mouth, but also we should watch what is going on in our hearts. Proverbs 4:23 says “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” The issues of life not only include such things as murder, and adultery, etc., but also anger, pride, and hatred, etc. If we think about it carefully, all things that are not good begin in the heart, but also all things that are good begin in the heart as well. That is why it is so important to watch what is going on in our heart. We should ask the Lord to help us examine our heart to clean it up in any area needing so and to help us make sure every good thing is really of Him, not of ourselves.

Jesus said in Matthew 15:18, 19 “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:” We need Jesus to help us and if we fail, ask His forgiveness and make things right.

**3. Mind**

Not only the mouth and heart must be watched, but also the things that are in our mind and come out of our mind. Philippians 2:5 says “Let this mind be in your, which was also in Christ Jesus:” That is, if we think like Jesus would think, we are on the right path. Philippians 4:7 says “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” How wonderful this is! The previous verse (Philippians 4:6) tells us not to be anxious or worry but instead “in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Another important guideline for our minds is 1 Corinthians 10:23. It says “All things are lawful for me but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.” The dictionary describes expedient as useful, helping to bring about a desired result, desirable or suitable under the circumstances. To edify means to build up or encourage.

**4. Spirit**

As we can see, we many not always know what to do but we can always ask for the Holy Spirit to help us. Also, we can ask the Lord to give us excellent spirit. There are many examples in the Bible of people who had an excellent spirit. One of the greatest things that I desire is to have an excellent spirit. One person that has most impressed me is Daniel. In Daniel 6:3, it says “Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.” The spirit of God was so much in him that the king recognized this and the great attitude he had. I hope it is our desire to have the Holy Spirit in us so much so that we will have an excellent attitude and others will be drawn to the

living God. We should always ask the Lord to help us and forgive us when we don’t have the right spirit or attitude.

**5. Actions**

All of the above things should then result in our actions being right and proper. In 1 Samuel 2:3, it says, “...for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.” Psalm 119:133 says “Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have any dominion over me.” Jesus in Matthew 7:21-27 teaches us that actions must be doing God’s will: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in they name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” In order that our actions are right, we need to seek the Lord with all of our heart. In Jeremiah 29:13, it says “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”

As we have learned above, in order to please God, we must watch our mouth, heart, mind, spirit and actions. May God bless you!

**PARK VALLEY  
LABOUR DAY WEEKEND**  
Starts Fri., Sept. 1, 2006 at 5:00 pm and  
ends Mon., Sept. 4, 2006 at 1:00 pm  
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Phone: (306) 469-4962

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 Pinelow Summer Family Camp .... Aug. 7 - 13, 2006  
 Caribbean Camp ..... Aug. 13 - 20, 2006  
 Hidden Acres ..... Sept. 1-4, 2006  
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 April 21, 2006  
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## PINELOW SUMMER CAMP

North of Spokane  
**August 7-13, 2006**

From Spokane, North on Hwy 395  
 toward Coleville, past Loon Lake  
 3.1 miles or 5 km, turn east on  
 Deer Lake North Road 1.7 miles or  
 2-3/4 km to Pinelow Park.

**Adults: \$100,**  
**Children 3-11: \$50,**  
**Family Rates with children**  
**up to 18 - \$285.**  
*(Rates - US Funds)*

Send reservations to:  
 Daryl Martz  
 Ph. (604) 858-9009  
 Fax: (604) 795-5365  
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 (NO PETS)

**Campground registration starts at**  
**4:00 pm, August 7, 2006**

Please be advised that our  
**CARIBBEAN CAMP**

will be held in Trinidad  
**DATE: Aug. 13 - 20, 2006**

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## Pinelow Fall Camp Family Camp

**November 9-12, 2006**

\$60 US for adults, \$30 US for 3-11 yrs,  
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## WINKLER LABOUR DAY WEEKEND CAMP

Held at Winkler Bible Camp Starts Friday, Sept. 1  
 evening meal and ends after breakfast Monday, Sept. 4, 2006.  
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 (204) 324-5963

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Leibenzel Retreat Center, Schooley's Mountain,  
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Please bring your own linens (single bed), towels & pillows, as these will not be available at the campground. A limited amount of linens can be rented for \$5/set for those travelling from further away.

Registration begins at 3:00 pm on Friday, October 27. Meals will be served in the dining hall, beginning at 5:30 pm on Friday, followed by the first meeting at 7:30 pm. The camp will conclude with the noon meal on Sunday, October 29, 2006.

Charges for your room & board:  
 Under 3 years of age - no charge  
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