

1 Pet 2:5

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, **to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Two Primary Ministries of the Priest: Praise and Intercession

Purpose of Worship: To BRING us INTO and UPTO the PRESENCE of GOD

Purpose of Intercession: To BRING the PRESENCE of GOD and HIS KINGDOM DOWN TO EARTH

2 Characteristics of the Holy Spirit: He is a Worshipper and He is an Intercessor

John 4:23-24

23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24 "God is Spirit, and **those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**

Phil 3:3

For we are the circumcision, **who worship God in the Spirit**, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

Zech 12:10

10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem **the Spirit of grace and supplication**; then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.
(NKJ)

Rom 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Jesus WANTS to Worship in our MIDST... The Spirit WANTS to Speak the Voice of Jesus to US...

Heb 2:11-12 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "**I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.**"

Isa 62:5 For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, **so shall your God rejoice over you.**

Zeph 3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will quiet you with His love, **he will rejoice over you with singing.**"

IN HEAVEN... INTERCESSION and PRAISE are intertwined... one flows from one to another... it is hard to tell where one ends and the other begins...

Rev 4:8-11 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And **they do not rest day or night**, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" Whenever the living creatures **give glory and honor and thanks** to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him** who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Rev 5:6-14 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and **took the scroll out of the right hand of Him** who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders **fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints**. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

Rev 8:3-4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

INCENSE: The HIGH PRIEST... WENT BEHIND the VEIL once a year... HE WOULD GET DRENCHED with the smell of INCENSE... then come out and the incense would follow HIM!

2 Cor 2:14-16 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

The ALTAR of INCENSE... in the TABERNACLE and IN HEAVEN!!!!

The MINISTRY of PRAISE and WORSHIP

Ps 51:17 The **sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart**-- these, O God, You will not despise.

Heb 13:15-16 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the **sacrifice of praise to God**, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

The MINISTRY of INTERCESSION

Heb 5:6-8 As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek"; who, in the days of His flesh, when He had **offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears** to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. [He TOOK our infirmities... He was ACQUAINTED with GRIEF and SORROWS.... For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Heb 4:15-16]

Phil 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer and supplication**, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Acts 1:14 These all continued **with one accord in prayer and supplication**, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Eph 6:18 **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit**, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

The POWER OF MUSIC and SONG

What is the connection between MUSIC and the ministry of intercession and praise??

WORSHIP is not for GOD primarily.. it is for US! It is a covering in which we can agree with God... it is not a formula... just like MUSIC!! In HIS presence we are transformed... to be more like HIM... Bondages fall off.... People are set free... Minds are made to be at peace... turmoil is quited.... Depression and fear leave....doubt and uncertainty can be exchanged for assurance.... God ALWAYS MOVES upward.... He moves us up to where He IS!!!!

MT MORIAH... seen of God.. LAW of FIRSTS

- TIME... 3 days
- PREPARATION ... wood and fire
- FIRE.... Holy Spirit
- KNIFE... the WORD of GOD (worship is spirit and truth)
- OBEDIENCE.. He obeyed the voice of the LORD

Matt 18:19 Again I say to you that if two of you **agree** on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

4856 sumphoneo (soom-fo-neh'-o); from 4859; **to be harmonious**, i.e. (figuratively) to accord (be suitable, concur) or stipulate (by compact): KJV-- agree (together, with).

BODY SOUL SPIRIT

Outer Court... Inner Court... Holy of Holies

Psalms... Hymns... Spiritual Songs

Celebration... Adoration... Manifestation

Rhythm.. Melody... Harmony

Songs about Him..... Songs directed at Him... Songs to and from Him

Horizontal... Vertical....POWER

The SONG of the LORD= INHALE GOD (full of the SPIRIT).... EXHALE GOD (prophetic song)....

- Prophetic, played or sung... quickened by the Holy Spirit... testimony of Jesus in musical FORM!!!
Rev 19:10
- David sang the PSALMS prophetically... ISAIAH known as the singing prophet... Samuel and Elijah had schools of ministry for prophetic singing....

- SONG of PRAISE

PRAISE, ADORATION, GLORIFIES.... SEEKS and THANKS GOD

- SONG of THE LORD

Prophecy = EDIFY, EXHORT, COMFORT....Stir up, bind up, build up

Ps 105:1-3 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! **Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him**; talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

Ps 95:1-2 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; **let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another **in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Eph 5:18-20 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another **in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? **Let him sing psalms.**

Acts 16:25-26 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and **singing hymns to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

Luke 24:44-45 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets **and the Psalms concerning Me.**" **And He opened their understanding**, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

1 Cor 14:14-17 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? **I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.** Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

1 Chr 16:4-43

4 And he appointed some of the Levites **to minister before the ark of the LORD, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the LORD God of Israel:**

5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals;

6 Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly blew the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 And on that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the LORD:

8 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works!

10 Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

11 Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face evermore!

12 Remember His marvelous works which He has done, his wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

13 O seed of Israel His servant, you children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

14 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

15 Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

16 The covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac,

17 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

18 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance,"

19 When you were few in number, indeed very few, and strangers in it.

20 When they went from one nation to another, and from one kingdom to another people,

21 He permitted no man to do them wrong; yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,

22 Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm."

23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

24 Declare His glory among the nations, his wonders among all peoples.

25 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; he is also to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

27 Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and gladness are in His place.

28 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, give to the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

30 Tremble before Him, all the earth. The world also is firmly established, it shall not be moved.

31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

32 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.

33 Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth.

34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

35 And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation; gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise."

36 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

37 So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required;

38 and Obed-Edom with his sixty-eight brethren, including Obed-Edom the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, to be gatekeepers;

39 and Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD at the high place that was at Gibeon,

40 to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the Law of the LORD which He commanded Israel;

41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because His mercy endures forever;

42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, to sound aloud with trumpets and cymbals and the musical instruments of God. Now the sons of Jeduthun were gatekeepers.

43 Then all the people departed, every man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.