## **SING**

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## **GLORY OF GOD!**

Jesus said that the Spirit His disciples were going to receive, would testify of HIM (Acts 1.8.) for we will be His witnesses.

Witnessing for Jesus begins with Holy Spirit power from on High (Acts 1.8). We need to come closer to God step by step if we want to be Holy Spirit-filled.

We need to do something about it in order to receive this precious gift from God. I am talking of the active infilling with God's Spirit.

Fact is, the Holy Spirit gift has been extinguished to a very great extent. Many lay claim to fulfilment with Holy Spirit but they do not have the authentic version. We want to have the real experience. The Old-time gospel way to God.

We know we cannot fool God. Therefore those loving Jesus want to draw closer to Him.

Fact is, we are living in times that will increase in wickedness and therefore we must move closer to God. We must get into the Throne Room where Jesus is waiting to endow us with His Spirit. We are joined to Jesus through his Spirit (Paul).

If you want to loosen yourself from the shackles of bondage – spiritual bondage and fear preventing you to boldly praise and worship, then you must do something to unshackle yourself.

The best and surest way is to begin to sing (Paul says we must have a song in our hearts). Sing out loud to the glory of God. I think we must return to the old Pentecostal songs – the Lord once said He was going to take from the drawer the old-time version, the old-time worship. Churches are over-empasizing the modern type of songs. Too many words and little impact! Many struggle to keep up with the one taking the lead.

Return to the old songs for these songs are easy to sing and it has a type of rhythm to it that switches one's feelings on. If you are scared of "feelings": We have feelings and emotions – in fact songs of praise are like the psalms of David, songs of praise, and it is also poetry and poetry is the overflow of feelings indeed!

Yes, there is something in this! I don't mean we must only focus on rhythm. But there must be a praise element to the song that can pull us up into the Throne Room of God and so that we can spontaneously enter and bring Jesus all our honour and glory spontaneously. I am not cutting, with this statement, all modern songs out, but the focus must be on Jesus and singing songs spontaneously is something that quickly sets us free from bondage and so that we can bring glory to Jesus. We surrender more easily to divine experience this way. This is what we then need now, at this point in time, and where there is such a deep lacking of Holy Spirit baptism in sway generally.

Many are yearning for a new refreshing of TRUE Holy Spirit movement.

So let us return to former paths where God was in the midst of His bloodwashed people because they spontaneously praised and worshiped him - their songs were clear: they sang to the glory of Jesus and they sang songs that were anointed with Holy Spirit input. Those who wrote the songs lived for Christ and they were dedicated to him. They did not only sing to be heard, or sing to tag along. They put their hearts and minds into the songs of praise and worship.

Oftentimes a beautiful song is marred because the singer is not Holy Spirit filled and therefore this type performs but not in the Spirit of God. So use songs of children of God who are singing to give God the glory, not just putting up a mere show. God's Spirit will lead you when you ask Him to. Pick up the song, use the words and sing it your way.

So use whatever CD's of anointed singers you have available at home and sing along with the singer . I advise that you begin to praise and worship the old fashioned way for this was the time when God moved with His Spirit in the assemblies. Those who sing gospel songs must be focused on Jesus and oftentimes it is not the case. They must live a life of prayer and dedication for worship and praise give the edge to our spiritual bonding with Jesus especially on assembly level!

There is also a difference between worship songs and praise songs and sometimes it is good to begin with praises, especially if we are still trying to break through and then cross over to worship and "deep" worship – where you totally bond with Jesus, forgetting of those around you and so that God's Spirit can move over you bringing you straight into the Throne Room of God. Going over to worship is for me, acting on a higher lever of intimacy with God – although praise can work this way too. Let God's Spirit guide you and take hold of you! This is what we call, to fully surrender to God (your will, your thoughts, your actions).

Let's especially get away from PERFORMANCE! Get away from the idea to change the Church or the gathering place into a theater and theater performances!

You will grasp what I mean.

So do you want to be baptized truly with God's Spirit? Begin to praise and worship the old-time way! If you are alone, sing out loud in your residence, or while you are driving your car. It is sometimes difficult to praise out loud early morning hours as the rest of the household are still sleeping. So play a CD using earphones and so that you can hear the words properly.

It is meaningless just to be inspired by the music. In fact, the music played is often a spiritual deterrent for it was written and performed by somebody who was more focused on the orchestral effects than on the One worshiped in the song! There is just too much performance today everywhere in place and therefore the Spirit of God is extinguished in the church gatherings! God LIVES in the praises of His people! This is Biblical.

Begin your day and time with Christ with praise and worship! Always go this way and then pray!

Therefore I stress the old-time Pentecostal and early (!) Charismatic songs. Yes we may adapt these songs as long as the song remains free-flowing and so that it can settle on the feelings of those who are participating not only involving the mind.

I feel it is time to get done with the modern style (songs) in worship! Also, why God cannot baptize with Holy Spirit in the church gatherings anymore, is because praises to Him have been obliterated by the carnal leadership. We are too focused on performance! There is a vast difference between

true and wishy-washy worship. The latter is superficial and the aim of praise and worship is indeed to pull the active Presence of Holy Spirit into the assembly, not to extinguish the free-flow of the Spirit.

If your Church does not give you an opportunity to praise and worship properly, begin doing so on your own at home. Don't let Satan rob you of God's desire to baptize you with Holy Spirit. Keep in touch with Jesus by singing songs of praise even on your own whilst praying for God to send us a new Holy Spirit (authentic!) refreshing once again. Not the New Age type please!

If we then want to participate in God's Spirit working, then we must do God's will and God's will is to strengthen us through and by His Spirit – that is why Jesus is the Baptizer with Holy Spirit!

So sing along with those who are anointed and who can lead us into the Presence of God, not just performing and not just trying to impress.

I trust I am clear on this.

God bless and begin right there where you are to praise and worship and so that God's Spirit can take hold of you! (so that you can FEEL and EXPERIENCE the touch of God's Presence)!

Clap your hands before God!

Move around when you worship at home (that is in the room where you are praising God) – it unshackles you immediately and it helps you to cast off all baggage and bondage.

Sing a song that has some repetition to it. For this is imprinting and the words are easily applied to your own situation.

As long as you praise for praise is necessary if we want to be baptized with Holy Spirit. It cheers one up and it leads you quickly to victory, as it unshackles your spirit, making it receptive for God's movement.

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