

THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD SERIES

MAKING MELODY

I was meditating on the spirit of excellence in the early days of my life when I was yet unknown to many people. But I made a decision in my life that if I were to do something first I will do it with an excellent spirit. Through these years God has shown me something about the spirit of excellence. I just give you a few points No 1 the only way you can stand before kings and Prime Ministers and be the head and not the tail is by having an excellent spirit. The people who are in power and position respect an excellent spirit and they recognize excellence when they see it even if a poor man does it. If a poor man were to be able to do some gold handicraft with the most excellent spirit so that the whole world knows that there is no one like him. Even kings will hear about that poor man. It is an excellent spirit that distinguishes us to stand before kings and Prime Ministers.

No. 2 it is an excellent spirit that will bring us to positions of power and influence. It's different from No. 1. No. 1 you find favor and grace. Some times you do something well once. You can only have one opportunity. But if it becomes a part of your life that gift of yours, if you are able to play a piano, you play it with an excellent spirit you distinguish yourself from others. And you play probably in the best orchestra in the world. If you are able to do metal work, you distinguish yourself with an excellent spirit. You will probably be working for the richest man in the world, the Sultan of Brunei and doing something for him. The world will hear about you when you will distinguish yourself. If you were to be a mechanic, and you develop it with the spirit of excellence, you will probably be having a good retirement, since you will be serving the top people in town who know you.

Let me look at the reverse situation. If you are out there in the world and you are rich, you are mighty and you are powerful. When you want to do something what do you look for? You look for the best. And so whatever we have when we put our

heart into it and put an excellent spirit, we will distinguish ourselves. And here Daniel started equal. But he became the top of the three. And the king decided to give him a position like the right hand over the Middle Persian Empire.

No. 3 an excellent spirit can only come forth and be sustained under the hand of God. Without God to keep us humble, without God to continue to propel creativity in our lives we will not be able to retain it. Creativity stops when we stop our contact with the most excellent of spirits God the Holy Spirit. And Daniel retained it all his life through a prayer life that is strong in God. And he distinguished himself in that manner. It can only be sustained and it will stand you well in the sight of God.

We have been looking and practicing the presence of God. So let's look at the book of I Thessalonians 5:16 onwards *Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* We have been talking about the practicing the presence of God. And the principles of practicing the presence of God are different from the principles that we would learn in the closet.

The first of the principle we talked about is hunger for God. And that is involved in praying unceasingly. Having a hunger for God all the time being drawn onto Him. And wherever we are and in any place all we have to do is to cry out to God and pray continually to Him and pour our hearts to Him. That is one of the keys for His presence in our lives.

The second principle is giving thanks. We talked about 4 areas in giving thanks. And all we have to do to get the presence of God in any situation is to give thanks to God. Whenever we are not giving thanks the presence of God starts diminishing. And it's not something you do once in a while. It's something that you practice doing all the time. Whenever you look at people in your heart and in your mind you are saying, "Thank you Lord for this person." And it will give you a different attitude when you deal with people. Or when you go and deal with some hard people. Let's say you are filling up some forms and the person handling it is very rude. The first thing you are thinking about is complaining and grumbling. No

matter how rude a person, when you come to that person and understand the second area of giving thanks in you heart and in your mind you say, "Lord I thank you for this person." You say thank God for what. At least thank God for this person for without that person your patience would not be tested. You will never be angry if you learn to give thanks all the time. In my thoughts I am giving thanks for people. Some of you in the ministry will understand that in the ministry it's very easy to get hurt and never come back again. I am sure every one of us may have met people who at some time were serving God and then they gave up the ministry. They don't want to be in the ministry again because they were hurt. And one of the things that preserve you in the ministry is no matter what happens you give thanks. And no matter how horrible the people are you give thanks. That's the secret of loving people. Surprisingly when you give thanks you will find something good in that person.

Let's look at Ephesians 5. And we want to talk about the third principle on practicing the presence of God. And I am sharing from my life about the practice of the presence of God. No matter how busy you are if you were to practice these principles you will always sense the presence of God on your life. And that's something precious money cannot buy. It is more precious than silver and gold. It is more precious than rubies and diamonds. Whatever you do, you want the presence of God to be there.

In Eph. 5:18-20 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, will all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

This morning I want to talk about making melody in our heart. That is the third principle of giving thanks the ability to retain the melodies of God in your life. All of us have a song in life. We may not be good singers. We may not have a good voice. We may not be musically gifted. But all of us have some sort of inward filling of the Spirit. When He has worked in our life and there is a musical rhythm in that which we are working and doing. Have you notice that if you want to do something well you have to add music to it. When I talk about music I am not talking about psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Everything that you do you do

better where there is what I call musical rhythm or melody.

Take for example praying in tongues for long hours. Of course if you pray in tongues for 5 minutes it's different. Nowadays in the Charismatic movement we can't quite call it the spending quiet time with God. In the Evangelical churches when I was a Baptist we always used to emphasize, "Have you spent your quiet time with God yet?" Nowadays I find that in the Charismatic movement your quiet time is not really quiet. It's more the noisy time with God. If you are praying for 5 minutes you don't realize the need for rhythm. If you pray for one hour some time someone who have a strong will can push it. But if you want to pray for 6 to 8 hours in tongues you need rhythm. If you don't have rhythm you can't last long. To last long you flow into a rhythm. When a rhythm is involved it has the ability to continue without getting tired. I used to go for a walk some times an hour some times two. Usually halfway I would run one round the field. Some people get tired when they run. But there is a secret to run without getting tired. The secret is in your rhythm. When you just run you get tired very fast. But when you run in rhythm you won't feel tired. Have you seen the soldiers marching? Somebody either in front or behind will say one, two, one, and two. Why are they saying one two. Why not, one, two, three, four etc? Because when you get rhythm you don't feel tired. The secret is in the rhythm. If you could hear the rhythm on your inside and you operate based on that rhythm you can excel in physical athletes.

We know that there are some things that can be controlled with our conscious mind but the whole lot cannot be controlled. It is at a lower level. Let me make a natural fact first. The whole world is trying to tap on the power of the sub-conscious mind. We are tapping not only the power of the sub-conscious mind but we are tapping much deeper, the power of the Holy Spirit. Let me explain something. You must understand that the inner power works on the whole different principles of rhythms and music. The greater the inner power that you want to tap, the greater the music and rhythm you must flow with. There is music in everything that God has created. And to tap upon that we need to understand that music is involved in every aspect of what we do. Even if a person walks. If there is rhythm in the way you walk it looks more graceful. Everything in life has music. If you are doing some intellectual work like doing a deep mathematical problem, if you put on a classical music or something, you find that it helps you go probe deeper. See everything has its rhythm and music.

We know that Elisha tapped on that principle in II Kings chapter 3 when there was a need and they looked for a prophet and they found him. The first thing Elisha said was, "Bring me a minstrel." When the music was played we know that the Spirit of God came on Elisha. What actually happened? How did Elisha have the ability to move in? There is a rhythm that you move into. There is music in everything that we do. And if you don't want to get exhausted there needs an understanding of the deep current of music that God does. I have been running one round and I don't feel tired. The difference is not in running. The difference is running in rhythm. Your heart beats in rhythm. There is music in your heartbeat. There is music in everything that we do. To achieve excellence, to achieve the highest point of physical achievement, mental achievement, spiritual achievement is to hit into a rhythmic chord with the Holy Spirit that is working at that realm. The bible says that the whole earth praise the Lord. The trees praise the Lord. The mountains praise the Lord. In everything there is music flowing all the time.

How does that tie back to the presence of God? The presence of God comes into our lives in perfection. And where there is perfection there is musical harmony. If you learn how to flow with that presence and the rhythm that God says. It didn't say God give some. It says, *"Be filled with the Holy Spirit speaking in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs making melody in your heart to the Lord."* That is the verse for every believer, whether you are in the music ministry or not. Every one of us has a rhythm flowing in our lives.

Let me us another natural fact. Some time back about it was discovered many years ago but only the last 2 or 3 years they have been able to use magnetism in order to scan people. Today if you are expecting a baby the doctors will give you a sound scan. Long ago they used x-ray. Now they have developed sound scan. In other words they can see through the reflection of sound waves. As the computer picks it up they can draw the picture inside the womb. They also have magnetic scanners. Where there are magnetic lines of force flowing and if they put a body into that magnetic machine, then they draw a computerized image of the magnetic flowing through the body and detect things. They found that, that machine can detect cancer, sick parts in your body where x-ray finds it difficult, since x-ray is only good at bones and certain tissues. Where the tissues are too soft it's just invisible to the x-

ray. So they need more sophisticated type of scanners. So when the whole body has in a sense magnetized, every cell in your body has a north pole and a south pole. Our body has an electrical circuit that flows through our nerves cells. Let's rest on this simple fact that our body has a natural magnetism. There is a north pole and a south pole in your body. When you put a small little magnet before a big magnet what happens. All the North Pole will point to one direction and the South Pole point to another direction. What happens when they put the body in that machine? The cells in the body began to line up north and south correctly except the parts of the body that are sick. And so it will show up in the magnetic scanner. They can see the spots that are not lined up north south. It will be lined up in some other direction. Cancer cells can be seen, cancer tissues, things that are wrong in the body showed up. It seems that when the physical body is in health every cell in your body function perfectly. But when the cells are sick they cannot synchronize with magnetic line of force.

There is a rhythm in our physical spirit man and in our spirit man and in our physical body. Between the spirit, soul and body there is a rhythm. And when every time you get out of synchrony you began to feel tired. You began to feel spiritually dry. And you began to detect problems. Spiritual sicknesses indicate a lack of tapping on to the rhythm that God has given.

So as we look at that verse in Eph. 5:19 making melody in our heart to the Lord, I'd like to emphasize on that phrase *making melody in your heart*. We know that music has three components rhythm, melody and harmony. But we realize that there are spiritual components within us. This word here *melody* does not mean just one aspect of music that is the tune. The word melody here is from the Greek word *psallo*. *Psallo* is a word, which is normally translated as psalms. But the translation actually means to sing onto God with a stringed instrument. Of course some of us may not be playing musical instrument. So we look at how we fulfill that word *psallo*. Well your voice is an instrument. Your diaphragm is an instrument to God. But it's talking about some sort of worship coming forth. Let me point to the fact that the word *psallo* is music in its fullness. And it involves 3 main areas that have to be harmonized. It involves rhythm, it involves melody, and it involves the words, the meaning. And all these combine in harmony to be *psallo*.

A psalm has a rhythm it has a tune and it has words. And the bible says singing and making melody in our heart. There is rhythm that we tune to any time in your life. If you want to practice the presence of God keep hearing the inner music. Nowadays the human race is trying to get the music of nature. They go to the ocean and take the ocean sound. And today we could imitate that by electronic sound even though it may not sound musical to some people. But you put it on it is very soothing. The sound of the waves has a rhythm of the waves coming and hitting the shore. There is a rhythm and music flowing in our heart all the time. If we were to learn to hear the music that God placed in our spirit and have our mind and our physical body harmonized to that it will be tremendous. You become a very athletic person. I mean the difference between a good athlete and a clumsy one is the rhythm. And you become intellectually and emotionally strong with a strong will. Your soul gets ministered to and your mind is in rhythm. Your mind has a certain rhythm. They could put an E.E.G on your mind and they could see your thought life in an electrical pattern. And today when a person sleeps they have alpha sleep and beta sleep etc different levels of sleep where the electrical circuit flows in a rhythm. When our mind loses its rhythm you lose your creativity. Confusion is like musical mental noise. Confusion is noise in its mental form. We know that music has its form and it has its rhythm and it should sound nice and in harmony.

Creativity and the spirit of excellence have its rhythm in our mind. When you lose it, it becomes confusion which is mental noise. We need to understand that the most important control is not just in the physical body, it's not just in the mind or in the sub-conscious it's in the spirit of man. That's where the source is that's where the pace maker is. It's in our spirit. And that's where the presence of God is. The presence of God is in your spirit.

In the book I Cor. 16 it says here in verse 23. Now the last wish and the last blessing to the people who were reading his epistles was a blessing on the presence of God on their life. May the Lord be with thee. God be with thee. I Cor.16: 23-24 *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus, Amen.* Now II Cor. The last chapter and the last few verses. Chapter 13:14 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* Now chapter 6 of Galatians verse 18 *Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.* (this sentence is actually found in Phil. 4:23 and not Gal. 6:18)

The moment you are born again Christ Jesus, Immanuel God with us, revealed in us, His name is Immanuel. Jesus has come to give us His presence constantly and His presence is in our spirit. Once you are born again His presence is in your spirit. Even though you don't feel it some times. Even though you know it some times. But His presence His grace is with your spirit. And we need to listen to the human spirit within us 24 hours. No matter how busy keep contact with your human spirit on your inside. He that has been born again, his human spirit contains the presence of God. Now we know it in principle, we know it theologically and this is where our teaching is. We need to know it experientially and we are talking about what it is like experientially. The spirit of man within us is like a rhythmic strum on your inside. It's not something you comprehend with your head alone or our emotion. But it's a life force within you. And we need to tap into this life force on our inside all the time. And one of the easiest ways is to hear the music that comes from your spirit man.

And that music will come in 3 ways and the 3 will be harmonized. No. 1 the rhythm. Some times your spirit gets excited and you know that you are going in the right direction. Listen to that rhythm. But as you hit the wrong direction it goes out of rhythm then you know it's the wrong direction. The rhythm flows on your inside. Now these 3 components of our spirit man in making melody can be sensed differently. First is rhythm, rhythm is linked up to the conquest of the enemy. It is even in our soul. Turn with me to the book of Exodus chapter 15. Understand that the music in our spirit changes according to what we face and what we need to do. Some times the rhythm slows down you need to slow down. Follow your spirit. Your spirit some times wants to go slow and some times he wants to speed up. You flow according to the rhythm. We can control the rhythm of our body. We can control to a certain extent our mental rhythm. But you can never control the rhythm of your human spirit. Because your human spirit feeds on God's Word, which has its own rhythm and your human spirit is inspired and tied up to the Holy Spirit who is the one giving the rhythm. Although it says *making melody in our heart, be filled with the Spirit*, it is that Spirit coming forth through your life. And you have to obey the Spirit of God. Some times when you need more physical rest your spirit on your inside will sound a soothing tune. And some times you need to move fast and do something you got to hear on your inside and flow along with the pace of your spirit man. He is setting the pace for you. It's so easy for us to get into disharmony with Him because we can create our own rhythm without paying

attention to Him.

Exod. 15:1 *Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. And in verse 20 Then Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing.* Now you notice something here the whole chapter focuses on rhythm. When you are playing the tambourine it's a rhythm. When you are playing the drum it's a rhythm. You can't dance without a rhythm. When it comes to dancing you need rhythm. And there is a rhythm in our heart that we need to pay attention to. It has to do with the overcoming of the chariots of Pharaoh. When you are doing spiritual battle or when you are praying, and when you tap on a certain rhythm you could just utter forth the Word of God and it's so powerful that your enemies are scattered. You tap on a certain rhythm on your inside.

The second area is what I call the words that God gives. Now all of us hear our human spirit talking to us. Those are words. The Holy Spirit can speak one word some times several words. Turn with me to the book of Deuteronomy, as Moses was about to let the Israelites go on their own with Joshua leading them. Chapter 31 God gave Moses a song. It didn't say he sang this song. He probably spoke this song. When a song is spoken it becomes poetry. Poetry is a speaking forth of that music in our heart. So some of us may not be musical in a sense but you receive words that are poetic. There has a certain rhythm on your inside instructions from the Lord. Chapter 31:30 *Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel.* Now the words that God gives are important. Some times when you hear a song it's not just the tune. Most of us when we hear a song we enjoy the rhythm and the melody. But beyond that you look for what I call the way certain things are phrased. Let's say like Scott Wesley Brown's song. The way he phrases his song is very beautiful. *If He carried the weight of the whole world, my brother He can carry you too.* The way he phrases it, the way the words come out stay in your heart and in your mind. Now some times God just gives little words coming out from your inside. And those little words bring a different area into your life. The rhythm gives you victory over the enemy. Rhythm is tied up to deliverance and setting people free. Words that come forth have to do with revelation and stability. The reason Moses gave that song is he says to them when you forget the Lord this song will remind you about the Lord. When you turn away from the Lord

and the future generations look at this song they will remember that the Lord has said these things. And that will inspire them to turn back. It gives stability, it gives direction. Revelation and stability is where the word comes forth.

Third area is in the melody part, the tune. Now that's a different area altogether. Turn with me in the book of I Samuel and there is one person who is very good at that and that is David chapter 16. Verse 23 *And whenever the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.* Now David was playing here on a harp. Look at verse 18 again *"Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him."*

Here I am just showing David in a melody style. I want you to know that David had all 3 components including harmony. That is how he reached greatness in his life. If you want good eyesight, your eyes have to see in a certain rhythm. If you want to have a good voice you got to have a certain rhythmic breathing in your diaphragm. You can't be gasping for air all the time. Your whole physical body functions best when there is a rhythmic music flowing through your whole being.

And it is important for us to understand that here David in the book of I Sam. 16 it tells us here that he has this ability to play this music. And not only that he says he is prudent in speech, he is a mighty man of valor, a man of war and most of all the Lord is with David. We know that Samuel anointed him, a lot of people get anointed, even Saul was anointed, but the Lord doesn't seem to be with him. It is because he learns to tap on that music that is on his inside. And I asked myself how he became a mighty man of war, a mighty man of valor and prudent speech. It's because of rhythm and music in his life. He has yielded to that and it had produced certain things in his life. David was good at composition he gets a melody. It was just the music flowing softly on the heart; melody that flows that was soothing.

If in the first area rhythm has to do with the battlefield and with deliverance. And in Moses' time the words and the meaning give revelation and stability. In David's

time the melody part is a part that brings healing. The melody causes your spirit, soul and body to get into synchrony. That is why all human beings like melody. We know a good tune when we hear it. You feel good; you sub-consciously like to hum it. When a tune is catchy you like it. It brings forth harmony with spirit, soul and body, it brings forth healing. And that are the 3 areas that we see working in our lives. And when they began working we get finally what I call the presence of God in us every day.

Let me turn to the book of II Samuel to see how David when his ministry grew, he began to organize the people of God and the musicians of God into different groups. Looking at I Chronicles 25 and interestingly they were divided into 3 groups. Verse 2 *Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asahreiah, sons of Asaph, under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the direction of the king.* I am sure all 3 groups are very musical. But Asaph specialized in the words part. When David wrote a new song, he passed the words on to Asaph, Asaph prophesized. They were involved in the words part the uttering forth.

Then you have Jeduthun in verse three. *Of Jeduthun the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimel, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesized with the lyre in thanksgiving and praise to the Lord.* So these people were giving forth the strings side. They were under the strings instrument.

Then you have the horns in verse 4 and 5. Then in verse 5 *All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer, according to the promise of God to exalt his horns.* Verse 6 *They were all under the direction of their father in the music in the house of God.* And they were harmonizing all together. I would put Heman and Jeduthun together consisting of the melody group and the rhythm group. And all these 3 groupings together make praise to the Lord. And what did they do when they came together? They brought the presence of God into the temple. And when they continually take turns to worship the Lord and give thanks to the Lord, the presence of God comes down. Do you notice that the presence of God is tied to giving thanks again? Not just for what He has done but all the time just thanking Him. Whenever you start giving thanks the presence of God will always be there. When you complain the presence of God runs out. In order to move in a certain direction further, we need to sense the music that comes forth from our lives in the same 3 groupings. And be

able to let it flow out of our lives. Rhythm, words and the melody coming out together in a harmonies pattern and it directs the presence of God in our lives.

Now turn to the New Testament to see the same word *psallo* used by the apostle Paul in I Cor. 14:14-15 *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also. I will psallo with the spirit and I will psallo with the understanding.* Now look at the pattern that Paul gives. He starts with the spirit first. Then he moves into the understanding. Therefore when we want the presence of God, we start off in the spirit first. So when you pray it's the spirit of prayer that starts first. That is why God wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit. And those of you who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, you have an important key to the presence of God in your life. You start off with tongues and you pray with understanding. Then he says, *"I will."* Look at that in verse 15 he didn't say, *"The Lord will."* He said, *"I will."* He chooses to allow it to come forth out of his life. And so we start off with singing in the Spirit. And so in the Spirit you began to hear a tune on your inside. Some times it is by faith. It is just like speaking in tongues. You don't hear a tongue and then speak out. As you speak out it keeps flowing. It is just like the tap and the water. You can't see the water. And you look at the tap it's so small. But when you turn on the tap it will keep giving more water than the tap can contain.

So turn on the tap with tongues. We need to learn to sing in tongues not only in church but also in our private life. It's so easy for every one of us to tap whatever rhythm is in your life right now. Whenever you tongues enter into any sort of rhythm that is the melody that is coming upon your life. Whatever pattern it takes, whatever rhythm it takes, if you begin to allow it to flow, it can overwhelm your whole being. Sometimes it could be like a militant expression. I mean we also have singing in tongues in a warlike way. But it's important to let it go. Paul says *I will psallo in the Spirit* first. We let it out in our spirit. At first you pray in tongues then you go to singing in the Spirit. You cannot do it for a few seconds. You got to do it for a few minutes to catch it on and you began to feel the presence of God on your inside rising up from within you. Once you learn to do it in your own way you could hear it on your inside. Sometimes what you hear is a song that you already know. Right now as I sing in the Spirit I could hear another song and it's a song that I know. Now I didn't have a song 5 minutes earlier. But the moment I begin to sing in the Spirit and instead of giving a new song, which sometime He does He

brings to your memory a song.

Now that song is supposed to be the song for your life in your situation. And sometimes what you need to do is let that song out with your understanding and sing along with that song that the Spirit of God gives you. Sometimes you wake up in the morning God gives you a new song sing it out. Sometime you wake up God gives you a song that you have sang long ago and you have never sang it for the last 10 years it comes to you. Why do you think He gives you that song? That is the song not just to make you happy. No, every morning you wake up He doesn't gives you that same song. Have you notice something common in all of us.

Any song can be nice but if you sing it very often it gets stale. That is why out there in the world you got the top ten hits. And the top ten keeps changing. Do you know that in the kingdom of God there is a top ten hit too? Think about God sitting on the throne and He has been having people singing Amazing Grace for the last hundred years. Do you know that in every move of God there is a special rhythm and melody that goes? In John Wesley's time hymns were the big things. In Martin Luther's time hymns were also still big and among his favorite hymns were O Mighty Fortress Is Our God. He needed that song because the whole world was against him. In John Wesley's time his brother was a composer. If you study the hymns they change a bit in John Wesley's time. They became more songs that emphasize holiness and sanctification. In Martin Luther's time it emphasizes protection. In those days of the first and second great awakening was when most of the hymns were written. *Amazing Grace how sweet that sound that saved a wretch like me*. These are all evangelist songs in the period of great evangelism. When the Pentecostal movement came its different. *Fire, fire, Holy Ghost, fire fall on me*. We became different and the songs we sing are different. The rhythm is different; the melody is different. Fire breathing preaching not fire breathing dragons. They sang the songs and they became like that. Then came the Charismatic movement and it too is different. And it touches a different group of people, doctors, the lawyers, the judges, the top businessman, people whom the Pentecostal could not touch. Suddenly it reaches a whole different group of people. Look at society the songs that the society singing is so different.

It started long ago in country and western folk's songs. Then came the Beatles, then

pop and today something that you don't know. Then from light metal became heavy metal and, I think, before long radioactive metal. And you become like that song. It changes them. When they began singing a lot of these kinds of heavy metal songs, they became people who couldn't care. They live for the now. It produces that kind of society. You know that between the great intellectuals, Noble prizewinners and all the top thinkers, you know something in common that they have? They all loved classical music. Classical music produces a different realm, an intellectual realm. Do you notice that the classical period coincided with the renaissance or human enlightenment or scientific discoveries and science became crown it produces different things.

What about spiritual music? It is in our time that God began to give songs in the Spirit. Long ago there may have a few pockets of those kinds. Nowadays we have different types of songs in the Spirit. We have what we call warfare singing. You never heard of that 15 or 20 years ago. It's a whole different thing. I know some people may go against these things but be opened to all these things. As long as it doesn't contradict God's word its fine. It's a different realm. Have you noticed that the church of Jesus Christ is gaining a militant sound? It's like a roll call coming forth. And never before in any generations for the past 2000 years of church history has the church has more of a militant tune than it has today.

Something that is coming that is changing on this planet earth. And the way it is in our individual life when you began to hear the Lord you sing in the Spirit. If right now in your heart you don't have any tune. I challenge you. You just sing in the spirit for a while you will straight away get something in your spirit on your inside. Something that is relevant to your life. You don't need a prophet to come and prophesize to you. And there are different phases in our life. Sometimes in certain phase you need more energetic things than other times. Other times you may need more quiet manifestation. God knows all the patterns that we go through in our life. All you need to do is to hear that song on your inside and you know what you need to tap in to get into.

Just now when I was singing in the Spirit, I got the song, *It is God who trains my hands for war*. To me that's the spirit that God wants me to walk in, a militant spirit

in God. To conquer and to do what God ask me to achieve at this point in my life. Now that tune may change in time to come. I got to be sensitive to it. And in order to flow with it what must I do? I got to let go and let my body become more militant. When He says dance I dance. One thing I am glad it changes me for the better. Understand this fact. The first fact is you must get into the Spirit, by praying in the Spirit or singing in the Spirit you get the melody. Sometimes you get it in your devotional life and it keeps you for the rest of the day. And it will be the song that keeps you the whole day and the presence of God the whole day. That's why all of us need a time with God. You sing in the Spirit first and then you get the understanding part. And when the understanding part comes you flow with it. Sometimes it's a new song and sometimes it's an old song that you know and you keep singing.

The second fact is that we must allow our physical body and our emotions and our will and our mind to yield to that same rhythm. That is why God deals with my life about one and a half years ago. God said dancing once in a blue moon is not enough. I want you to dance every time you worship Me. When I worship differently my preaching changed. What happen if I preach timidly and say I am a shy person? Probably God will send an angel and ask, "Do you want to be like that for the rest of your life? So be it. I will go for another one." Second point we must yield our body and our spirit.

Kathryn Khulman has a militant spirit and she needs that because she has an evangelistic call. Without that militant call she would have been steam-rolled years ago. I have seen people spit at her whenever she went onstage. People spat at her for what she witnesses for and yet she went on. There is something that goes on her inside; it doesn't die down with one spit. If all you do is preach softly and all you have heard of Jesus and a person spits at you, you don't know how to react. But if you go and sing boldly, "Its God who trains my hands for war," and that person spits at you, you say thanks. It's different sometimes you need that.

Sometimes when you are having a militant spirit God may say, "I want you to balance on the other side," and He puts a slow song inside us. There is a song for the church at a particular generation and time. Individually there are songs that relates to our life and God dealing with us. And if in point two we don't yield to it

you will be in the wilderness for the rest of your life. We will be what Paul called, put on the shelf. There are different songs that come into our life that we must yield to. This is why I like balance. Those who never hear classical music, I encourage you to hear a bit of that. Those who are always on the classical hear a little bit of this side. And you can find the different things that produce on your life. And as you yield your spirit to it you would be dancing to the music that is coming from your spirit man. If you ask anyone of them who has danced to the Lord how blessed they are, how changed they become, you won't be looking at them being spectators. You would be envying them wishing you could be like them.

I will conclude looking at the book of Revelation that every time when God wants to do some thing He puts a new song in the people of God. In chapter 5:8-9 *And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints; and they sang a new song. And when they sang a new song onto the Lord something new began.*

Chapter 6:1 *Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say, as with a voice of thunder, "Come!" And something new began.* It is always that way when something is happening in heaven. In heaven there are a lot of new things happening all the time and sometimes our spirit man pick it up and flow with it. Its important for us to sense that flowing even in the heavenly places and let it flow into our lives.

Let's say if you want harmonies you look for melodies. And there are songs that create a harmony in your spirit, soul and body where there is no other way possible. If you are having a hard time in your life, many mountains that come your way and many demons are come against your life, for deliverance to come what kind of things do you need? You may need to hear rhythmic sound from the Lord. You may need to take hold of rhythmic songs that people of God had composed. You may have to put yourself on a one-month therapy of Christian militant songs. Put yourself through for one month in that and we open the cage and let you out. You will come out frightening the devil. All the time the devil looks at you and roars at you, and then you go *meow*. But suddenly when you open the door of the

cage and out you came after one month of Christian militant music therapy, the devil thinks he still can try his tactics but you shout back at him. The devil will say, "Where did he come from?" But that's what we need in our life.

Have you noticed that those who overcome and those who had succeeded in life, they fought and struggled, they believe, they held to their dream and come out victorious. Do you notice there is a militant nature about them? I challenge you this is the truth. And you look at all those who had struggled and fought the fight of faith, and they come out victorious, there is something militant about them. They are people who had come out of the war. You will find very few Christians who had overcome the spirit of poverty, who had overcome the spirit of sickness, you will find very few of them who are singing the little sweet things. Now we need tossing the little sweet things too. But if all they do is just sing is, *"In the sweet bye and bye,"* very few of them will rise up into the highways and the byways of life. But on the other hand if we don't learn the sweet and soft a lot of us would not know the depths of the visions of God. And those who go very deep whose life have the fragrance of the sweetness of Christ. Some people are very militant all the time. They need the opposite; they need a little bit of sweetness in their life. They probably have been listening to all the fast music and never any slow ones. They need the sweetness of the music in the body of Christ to turn their soul until they are a more peaceful character.

You can have a hundred things thrown against your life you can still be still. You need the other stillness that meekness that needs to come. It only comes from those types of people who sing, *"What a friend we have in Jesus."* The thing we are talking about is we need to be balanced.

Here in the book of Revelation when God does something new there is a new song that comes. Turn over to the book of Revelation 14:1-3 *Then I looked, and lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with Him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had His name and His Father's name written on the foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpers playing on their harps, and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders.*

It's a new realm that they were entering into. God begins His work in His Spirit. And His Spirit begins the works of God on the earth in your spirit. That is why in our time do you noticed there are a lot of people getting laughter in the Spirit. It is because there is something different coming out. There is a joy that is coming out to them and it bursts out in laughter. That is a whole different Spirit coming forth in God's people. And we need to learn how to flow and change it. My challenge to some of you today is change the way you worship God and you will change the way you fight the devil. Change the way that you are used to and move into something new in God. Let it be from your inside. If you hear it from your inside flow along with it. Some of us have been hearing the music on our spirit for so long that we are not been obeying it and we are so used to it. But as you begin to yield to that which God has placed in your heart everything in your life will change. I find things began to change when I begin to yield to what God is doing in my life. I began to sing that kind of song that God wants me to sing. Began to listen to that kind of music that God wants me to listen to. Began to worship God in a way God wants me to worship Him. Began to yield to God in new ways that He wants me to yield to Him. And there will be new things that keep coming that we need to yield to God. Maybe He is giving you a new song and new thing in your heart and you got to yield to it.