

Title: Power Coming to the House of the Lord

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thinking God knows me well
is this the right crown
in the love
freaking out on this earth
maybe they heard something
that's what I'm looking for
and he's making a place
this is nothing but a sinners
and all we confess day and night
because that just what pleases me too
holy ground
Hallelujah
oh I'm gonna get my face down in my heart
Ding Dong
see the real but it's gonna be real anyway
see the father coming
come on
come with me
come with me
on her knees in the living room
lifting my name before God
save his life save
and one day in the midst of my specialness
my life became a
your grandmother's prayed for you
you're coming with me
so that sermon about our free will ain't quite true
you keep praying for someone
God will say I've heard
look like a mess don't worry
that Mark that's on the forehead
lately I've been crying a lot
it looks stupid
and lately I've been dying a lot

for what breaks
God's heart
never bothered me before
until God breaks your heart
for what breaks his heart
we've got young ones
who are trying to find who they are
that we've got mothers and fathers
haven't got time to raise a young one's life
I know what it feels like
so that you in heaven might have some place to shout
and say this is
and the light of God will be in you
I like to play
hey
nice to see you guys in a little while
yeah I know you guys up there blubbering away um
been interesting this season
anyone feeling the interesting of this season
or are you lost and steal your stuff
you still got your mess in there
we used to have heard this one guy breaching
and we got this enormous hump on our back
called our mass
or our junk or whatever we like to call it
it's a lot of stuff and we bring it to
when we come to church
we throw a little towel over it so nobody notices it
spite of the fact it's bigger than I am
and when we get in and we get all together
you know I won't be looking at your hump
if you ain't looking at mine
and so
everything here is going to go much better
if we just ignore these big
huge humps on our backs called the mess
we can't seem to deal with
anybody there and we come to church and we try to say
okay you guys make me like God for a while
because this hump is killing me

is that sound too insulting
is anybody is part of my job is to be a bit insulting
but what is coming
and what is really changing is what we think of
what is what we've been calling church
is really escaping definition
right now
it's supposed to
was never supposed to be defined like we defined it
so and everybody recognizing that by now and
and I think if we could see that there's a
a bigger thing happening to us
not in
and the truth of it is it's happening through us
that's what we're not seeing
I never saw that before I played music all my life
and I've been a musician and done lots of things
and sometime
I will just bore you to death of all the details
it's really quite exciting
it would make you think
I should be something that I'm not
but the reality of music is I'm not a musician
music uses me
and so one day God said until I can play you
you're probably not gonna get very successful
you mean you play me yeah
I play you you don't play you
God plays you why
oh he made you
what are you talking about
of course he does that you know
when a Potter makes a little pot
what does he do with it
he puts it up on the table and uses it every day
why would he do that because he likes pots
I don't know why
I would think
and we're always looking to be a special thing
anybody felt that way ever in your life

I'm on the planet to be special
not sure what but I will be special
trust me we have songs about it
nobody's gonna know my name
somebody does know your name
I was reading one time and
you know I was loving
I like I study the scriptures a lot
and I born my wife
absolutely to death with what I discover every day
we're reading every day
and we just take turns at preaching at each other
it's quite a fascinating thing
it takes most of the day to get through it
you know no
no it means this no
you're looking at the wrong stuff right
thank you and so we go through this every day
and it makes it sound like wow
what holy people hmm
uh you know
the hump is less but it's a hump back there
none the nonetheless
and so what happens is time goes on
you just get too old to carry such a hump
do you know what I mean
it just can't carry it around anymore
it's just too heavy my legs are hurting
I gotta unload some of this
so you get honest whether you wanna be or not
and so what we do in this beautiful environment
we call the church
is that we can hold it together for a couple of hours
not a problem I can do that a couple of hours
I don't know that I could do that every day
but I can get away with it a couple of hours
and hey brother
yeah brother
yeah sister yes
hey everything is good

it's not good when I get outside
but it's good now
does anybody hear me
and I don't mean that you're not believers
we're not talking about that
God is way ahead of you on that
so I asked the Lord
what about my name written in the lambs book of life
he said
do you think all this written in the lambs book of life
is your name
you think that's it
how about what if your life is written in there
what if who you're supposed to be is written in there
would you want any of that information
I was like hey
would you mind reading my name
and that's just that stuff
that's after it there or just for a little while
because I would I'd like to know is how what
how far off the Mark I am
is that true
who feels right on the Mark of who you were made to be
and so for not right on the Mark of who were made to be
then who the heck are we lots of times
we live about 10 feet to the right
of who were really made to be
we keep our eye on it so nobody comes by and steals it
but we keep our eye on it
because if I'm doing what I'm not made to be
I can handle an insult
but I couldn't handle it
if I was right on who I'm made for
do you understand that so
fear of rejection is keeping me from
ever touching them it's right over there man
who you're meant for one day I asked God
you guys may do that I don't
maybe you're crazy enough to ask God things like this
but so what would what have I

am I anointed was my first word
and do so what for
I waited five years for him to tell me
it was quite a fascinating experience and
and he did one day he just said through
through a prophetic guy he said
I made you to commune with me and of course I did
like everyone would do is
you mean waiting around
long hours in a closet somewhere
waiting on god I hate that stuff
I can't do that it's you know
I'm twitching
I can't do that I can't wait like that my brain
I've already thought about 9,000 things
before I even sat down to wait on god
is anybody there does that happen to anybody
when you're waiting on God
10 million things you know what's going on outside
don't you
the lawns over the top of the second floor
you get what I'm talking about
so the Lord said
you can play the guitar while you're waiting
well I like to play the guitar good
this is called waiting on God
that can't be you like it
oh
if you like it it can't be gone
okay I get it
God is mean and miserable
until you're mean and miserable
you're not actually waiting on him
am I talking to the right crowds
this is still the right people
so okay and now I get it
that's cleared everything up
God is mean and miserable and until I liked it
I'm not really waiting on God and it's not sincere
is that what we're trying to say

yeah but what I like to do is I like to jog
why is that not waiting on God
cause you think you like something you don't be stupid
you don't like it God likes it through you
and if you like something you don't like it
I walked out one time and I looked at wow
what a beautiful day and the Lord said
clearly you don't think it's a beautiful day
yes I do yeah
yeah yeah man
I do know he said
I think it's a beautiful day through you
that's what's really happening in our lives
if we could kind of get a hold of that and not
not let go of that
then this stupid stuff we do all the time
you know feeling like I've got to do something
that appears to look holy
I'm good with playing the guitar
God's good with it too
he's really funny about that stuff you know
for some reason he thinks this is waiting
so I think are you crazy
this is this is kind of a boogie or something man
we do that in the bar and he said yeah
and I was like why would that be cool for you
but we think it's not cool
he said because you guys are stiff necks
that's the day he said
you think I'm here to rescue music I didn't lose music
I'm trying to rescue hearts
I'm rescuing musicians I'm not I
what makes you think God is somehow
we're outside of the groove of God somehow
you know how sweet be in love for you
why is that a sin
why is that wrong
do you are you hearing what I'm trying to get out
and so what I'm really gonna get at
which is really hurt your feelings

is you've got 10,000 things listed on the refrigerator
that's not cool
that you think God's gonna like you better
if you do all those right things
you really are convinced of it
aren't you I am
I've been convinced of it for a long time
until the Lord just bust it into pieces
and then that stuff disappears
I have no choice
so I go and I let me worship you master of the earth
and he says stop that stiff neck religious
I get real for a second what do you think
so God asked me one time
I'm sitting in church when I was very first saved
and trying to figure out how to be amazingly holy
and I was
I watched the people your hand about that high
I got it okay
I'll check in everybody be sure I'm looking at good
I'm looking good
guys gonna like me now I'm doing what these guys are oh
it's a little higher now Hallelujah
and the brother thing at the brother thing right now
right away sets my brother
I'm behind my one brother
I don't know hey brother
oh yeah hi
yeah brother huh
I got that fan I was quick with this you know
being a good shape shifter like I am no problem
I can fit into anything
you all are the same darn way
you're just fitting into stuff
and God said
I didn't make the Sabbath to for you to fit into
I made it to fit you you didn't hear that
you missed that part didn't we
I'm playing a guitar right here which quite nice
you like that

I like the guitar
it's true all the way up and down it
I was went to a little businessman's meeting
just to have lunch I'm a real businessman
and in this is about kingdom stuff
and they're great people
they want God and they want to make a lot of money
and God at the same time
sometimes they're not incredibly synonymous
but they do happen
they do come together and that can happen
cause
the wicked have stored up wealth for the righteous
thank you very much
we are actually in that season right now
and if we had a lot of time
I'd explain to you why we're in that season
but I have something smarter to say
I think anyway
the um
there was a young girl
leading worship at this little businessman's meeting
and um
the leader of the meeting
asked if I would share the meeting
cause the guy was supposed to speak
couldn't make it
he got stuck in the airport or some such thing happened
and I now am the replacement for the real guy
so you're gonna go before people
who want to see the real guy
and the wrong guy is there
it's always it's always been my favorite thing
is to be the human sacrifice
that is often used as a burnt offering
so
you know the rest of the natives are gonna kill us
if we don't have the real guy
so let's sacrifice this fool
um and uh

so there I was in the meeting and the little
and the young girl who LED the worship with her
like seven dollar guitar that she had borrowed
um and it was one of those guitars that
sounds like that a lot
you know and you strum and get rhythm out of it too
it didn't matter what chord you were playing
they all sounded the same
you know that kind of a thing
but she had quite an anointing in the presence of god
of course was in there worshipping god
and then I was faced with every
what every preacher has to face
break up this anointing thing and let me speak
you know what I mean and there's nothing
there's no worse transition than a Holy Spirit bomb
that you have to stop so that I can get up and talk
then you hum at anybody you guys are on that page
I just soon have a root canal
then do that do you know what I mean
because it just feels like
would you like to interrupt God now
or would you want to wait a few more minutes
do you see what I'm getting at
and so because
we don't know how to spiritually transition
from one place to another
that's the only problem it is
we have this thing
and then we don't know how to be on stage
would you like to be
I've been on stage now for 65 years
the stage is not an issue why
because I've puked on the stage
I have done everything imaginably horrifying on a stage
I couldn't be more embarrassed than I've already been
what winds up happening is
until they who have to take the stage
get done being embarrassed for being an idiot
every time they take the stage

then you can finally talk with the real voice
cause
if what you're hearing here is not what you're hearing
when I'm sitting there then the real me is not up here
hey everybody
okay we want to
bring the gospel yes
that's a good idea okay
I feel lots of people like the gospel and I do
too
and we wonder why everyone's butt cheeks tighten up
and everyone's like God I hate this place and
is this the right people from this talk
forgive me online thingy
with people who are not butt cheeking and stuff but
and that's like
when somebody's gonna take an offering is
we don't know how to say would be money okay
money we want money we need money we're gonna die
we don't have money we're gonna die
when we try a thousand ways to say that don't we
we're just gonna cut to the chase there's a bucket
get your money out put it in the bucket I'll go
one time I did take an offering
I do have a story that remind me how to finish
um did an offering up in Canada and Heidi Baker
what it was for Heidi Baker
she was there
and Patricia Kang was supposed to take the offering
and I'm leading worship
and the Holy Spirit is just raging
raging through the place it's thick with presence
and Pat Hawking is looking at me
or I'm sorry Patricia King is looking at me and going
I don't wanna take the offering she's you know
trying to mouth that to me
and I'm just sitting there thinking
you're supposed to be up here taking no
and so she's crying
I don't wanna take the offer so I just started singing

each and that's how we took the offering
do you need another offering sermon
have you ever heard one yes
do you need another one you know what
let's get over that
those people threw \$100,000 on on the stage
I am not exaggerating one penny
they threw it on the stage laughing as they did
wads of money and checks were flying on the stage
and they just laughed like
screw this I will give whatever I feel like
come on did you know
giving is bragging rights is where it came from
as I got started
they would gather together before the gates of Israel
as they were going to the
into for a feast and they start telling what did you
what happened
you know how much God prospered me last year
this is what I gave
because God prospered me and I gave this
and by the time they got all jacked up
they burst into his gates with Thanksgiving
that's where that came from
and into his courts with praise
that's actually where all of that came from
we keep thinking this is some burden on our lives
never thinking that it's the opposite
this is the opposite as God
do you have food do you have a house
do you have are you warm
our clothes on your back I mean
we can okay
yeah yeah yeah
I got that I got all of that
but I work hard to get that
did you really did you really
I have many money stories
I won't go into it
so I'm sitting here

and at this meeting with all these wealthy
super wealthy people
and some guy comes to me after the
after my little testimony on how to lose money um
thing came and he um
he said you know God's telling me to give you a guitar
I said
that's really kind of you that that's not my guitar
I wasn't playing my guitar
that was a borrowed guitar twice and so that's
I have lots of guitars thank you so much you know
he's no God's telling me to buy you a guitar
so here's the the first moral
there's many morals in this story the first moral is
is God trying to give you something
you don't think you need
let that get down into your little hopper for a second
because
there's a lot of you in here that don't think you need
what God's trying to give you
whatever that looks like
you either don't feel worthy or you feel overcome
qualified for it
do you understand that
it's 2 million or it's 100 bucks
one of the other you don't feel worthy
so I won't go into that someone here by the way
is about to be given a tremendous amount of money
just go ahead and enjoy that when it comes
email us when it does so you can say hahaha
I got the menu
it's fine don't worry
we won't be jealous
and you don't owe us anything for that
but it is waiting it's been waiting actually
it's been waiting for a long time
it's about to be released in heaven
something's gonna be loose on you while you here
and when you get it loose here
it'll get loose there and then it'll fall on you

so when that all happens don't worry
they will chase you to give you the money
so I don't know who that is
doesn't make any difference
just enjoy it when it happens
so I said to the guy you know what
I have to be really blunt with you
I don't need another 300 or 500 dollar guitar
I got plenty of guitars
no no no
I'm not talking about that
I said well
I don't need another thousand dollar guitar either
I've got plenty of them I have guitars
when I was broke and had nothing
nobody would have given me a set of strings
but soon as I had more money than I could get rid of
playing in the music business
said people wanted to give me guitars
and so I was joking with him
and he's serious he said
you
I'm gonna I need to buy you a guitar
and I said well
what are you what kind of guitar
he said
guitar that's made by a company called Mick Ferrson
I said well
I don't even know what that is
he said it's the guy who made the Matthews bow
have you ever heard of the Matthews bow
any any hunter who's ever hunted with the bow
would know the Matthews bow anyway
he originally started by making guitars
they're always unusual and they're beautiful and
and they play great
so I said to the guy I'll call the company
he said please do
and tell me how much it's gonna cost
cause you have to have an order

you order them and they have a made to you so I did
I called the company and I said wow
these guitars are expensive man
hold on a second you know
I emailed him
I said these guitars are really expensive
so don't even you know boo
thank you so much again
I understand it and again god said
I'm trying to give you something
you don't think you need
so I kept saying need
I got guitars coming out of my nose
after all these years why would I need another
and he said it's not the guitar
but it took me a while I was grasping for straws
finally
I called the company
and I ordered everything that I want in the guitar
would take a while to explain all that
there's an engine seven eights at the nut
that's nice this little neck is candle
levered over the top of the body
so it doesn't interfere with the tone
the top is arched
the neck has a C and a d carving in the back
so that it fits your hand perfect
so that when you play everything is in the right place
I don't have to look at it
because everything's in the right place
make sense it does
when you've played a long
long time it makes a lot of sense
so there were several little things
got nice wood on the front
in the back and so I told all of the things I wanted
and the guy gave me the price
and I went whoa
maybe that's why I called her
email the guy who wanted to give it to me

I'm leaving his name out on purpose
so he doesn't miss the blessing that's coming to him
um and he said
buy it do it
the money will be there tomorrow
just order it and get it done
so I did and it takes
six months almost a year to get it
and when they build them
they hang them on the wall
and they look at it for a whole month
and they just look at it to be sure nothing is wrong
after they build and then they look
and then they look and they keep looking
and then they keep checking things
and then they string it up
and then they look at it more
and they just keep watching the whole guitar
to be sure nothing changes from how they built it
it's pretty fussy so they send me the guitar
and I get it and I start playing
I said who man
this fits me so nice
so happy I thought this is so great and God said
I made this guitar for you to fit you
I don't want you trying to fit into other things
anymore
I want you to stop trying to fit into the church
I want you to stop trying to fit into your life
I made your life to fit you
did you ever imagine that this was made to fit you
rather than you trying to kill yourself to fit it
because
you're gonna have to find an example to look like
aren't you
you couldn't come here and be yourself
because I guess that's unacceptable
is that true
anybody
you know I never jump around and worship really well

you have to do that here you know
anybody am I talking to the right people
I always sit quite still I love God with all my heart
but I sit quite still oh
that's you know
that's not acceptable here
I always freak out when worship starts
I can't help myself I have to freak out
I have to run in circles and I have to freak out
okay okay
that's fine that's good
what's that got to do with anybody else
what are you what is that
whose business is that except yours and God
that's called this place was made to fit you
you weren't made to fit into it
seem hard to believe
I'm playing the guitar that fits me
bend my neck around backwards
look at the neck all the time
so
to add insult to injury um
in all of us
God's been very busy shaping a life to fit you
and he's been doing a good job of it
we're just not doing a good job of recognizing
how many things have slept by your recognition
in these days
any one of you guys I know that when I was younger
I thought I was perceiving everything you know
until there's such a crowd going on in my head that I
something's got to get kicked out
so that I could stay focused on one thing
I can't even drive down the road
without the 10,000 things that are happening
in your mind is that true anyone anyone here older
even when you get a little older
stuff gets a little more crowded in there
I don't think I'm dumber
I just think I'm sick of remembering this one thing

hey
um you know
I'm just sick of remembering your name
so don't worry about it
I know you I know you very well
I'm just tired of remembering your name haha
you you get where I mean where this is going and so
but I'm insulted you don't remember well
get over it cause you're gonna forget too one day
so you see what this is doing
so this pretend thing you know
we're up to is is wearing me out
I don't know about you but it wears me out
and I am really tired of pretending
and I'm tired of acting like I'm something I'm
I'm actually not
and I know your heart is in that same place
whether you're willing today to admit it
so I would just sweep the room with one of those
let's get over this let's get over this
let's not keep coming here because we have to
or I'm obligated to
or people will think what less of me
why don't we get over that for a second
and if you could not worry about any
what anybody thought of you
then you could go ahead and be the idiot
you were meant to be
and enjoy what it feels like to be a fool for God
amen amen
we have lots of things coming for this for this week
God is gonna change this church
it's gonna change this area
this place was burst from fire and shaped by the wind
you can't stop the fire and you can't stop the wind
and so God is not finished shaping this town
in this area of the world
and when you feel it under your feet
don't get scared
it's God reshaping everything to fit him

when this is done we're here to fit him
in Jesus name
amen amen
I like this fan this is a good man and I like this
I like her she's crazy
I like her haha
glory to God
don't be afraid of worship
and don't be afraid of not looking like you fit it
it's supposed to fit you
Hallelujah