

**SUNDAY AM – Jesus Center – 11.19.23**  
**WORSHIP - prophetic, empowering, purposed for the days in which we are living.**

TODAY I've been asked to deliver 2 messages  
 2 Hot topics PROPHETIC WORSHIP & this evening ISRAEL THE CONCLUSION OF THIS AGE  
 2 services  
 Both MESSAGES are too long...  
 But I'll end when I need to.

Great to be here. This was the church we attended when we lived in LA. Love this place.

JESUS CENTER - WORSHIP - when a church let's Worship get them, they "get Worship". THAT'S THIS PLACE ALREADY. **But we want more..**

**FIRST THINGS FIRST**

We are honored to be here. This was where we attended church before we left of the Nashville area nearly 5 years ago. Lots of friends here. Some for 40+ years. And we love Daniel and Meg.

**SECOND THING** – there's no way on earth I will completely cover the topic of PROPHETIC WORSHIP in one session. We'll be scratching the surface.

SOMETHING RE ME UTILIZING SO MUCH SCRIPTURE – It is time consuming, but it helps keep us/me ON COURSE and out of the **weeds of goofy doctrine. There's certain things yet to come that are not yet fully revealed to us. But we will know when we get there. There's other mysteries in scripture that ARE RIGHT NOW AVAILABLE for our understanding IF/WHEN and AS we choose to press in to the whole word of God.**

I HAVE WAAAAAAAY TOO LONG A MESSAGE AND WAY TOO MANY NOTES. I can end whenever you like. UP TO YOU.

It's impossible to cover these issues in ONE evening or even in one MONTH. But we will make progress. SUGGESTION – maybe consider taking notes as we go. (podcasts)..

When we first got saved, I sat through 2 great services, 2 nights in a row.

Two YOUNG MINISTERS PREACHED/TAUGHT. Both had come to the Lord within the few years prior to our own salvation. Both guys were good guys. Both loved Jesus. Their two messages simply COULD NOT “CO-EXIST” with one another. As I sat there wondering “HOW DO I KNOW WHAT’S ACCURATE AND TRUE?” – I received an ALMOST-AUDIBLE from the Lord. I was looking at my brand new bible and the Lord said to me: “THIS IS TRUTH”.

I determined then and there that I would dig in to learn the word of God, and I can say that by His grace I am pretty sure I have not missed ONE DAY of pressing into the word of God in 50 years.

SMITH WIGGLESWORTH – the illiterate British plumber who's wife taught him to read – HE WENT ON TO HAVE ONE OF THE GREATEST HEALING MINISTRIES in the past 200 years, said “CONSUME THE WORD OF GOD UNTIL IT CONSUMES YOU”. I want that. You want that.

IMPORTANT TRUTHS – this one is from a corrective word to Israel but the PROGRESSION OF EVENTS is a **global truth, always:**

**Isaiah 28:10**

*10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept,*

*Line upon line, line upon line,  
Here a little, there a little.”*

**AND TO FURTHER SUPPORT THAT POINT – here’s a pre-emptive strike by our Savior – what NOT to think:**

**Matthew 5:17-20**

17 “**Do not think** that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Matt 5 Jots and tittles.** NOMOS = LAW – that’s MORE ENCOMPASSING than “merely” only the **LAW OF MOSES**. More than Torah. Paul used the word NOMOS to describe **Isaiah 28** to explain praying in tongues in Corinthians – you can look into that yourselves.

**1 Corinthians 14:20-25 – (another teaching!) – Paul is telling the church that praying in a heavenly language is intended by God to be a sign to UNBELIEVERS.** I don’t have time to get into this incredible revelation, but suffice to say the saints building themselves up in the Holy Spirit and intimately knowing the Holy Spirit, will be equipped to function in the authority God always intended for the church. There’s more to that, but not for tonight.

I spent most of Thursday putting together a message on worship and early Friday AM I went into some of my own past writings/teachings on worship – just to make certain I hadn’t missed anything critical that I wanted to speak about NOW, in 2023.

I came across a message on WORSHIP I had spoken at “Blessed International” (here!) in 2015. Much of BOTH messages understandably contain lots of the same scriptural references, and I’m personally encouraged to see, 8 years further down the road, that what I had been teaching/ thinking back then remains on my heart and my spiritual radar, now, particularly as things have so accelerated in the spiritual climate in which we’re finding ourselves these critical days.

**A BIT OF MY BACKGROUND – (as it contains a Worship Component - I definitely didn't realize it at that time!) – and it centers around the WOODSTOCK Festival of 1969.**

I met my wife Robyn in 1972 in CA. We both were hippies during the '60's and into the very early 1970's. We both got saved in **1973** during the Jesus Revolution days, in Redondo Beach. It was an immediate, supernatural and radical conversion. Both of us were drug users – me for about 8 years, Robyn for 6. God had His hand on both of us before we ever surrendered to Him, like He likely HAD His hand on you before you got saved, and if you don’t YET know Jesus, POINT TO NOTE: He ALREADY has His hand on you as well - since you’re hearing this message.

**BACK TO 1969 - The first night I took LSD was August 15 or 16, 1969.** I was working in the Catskill Mountains in upstate NY, at a resort. The Catskills is where Max Yasgur’s farm happened to be. That had become the location of the Woodstock Festival. It’s a longer miracle story that I don’t have time to get into this AM, but **Max’s farm was NOT SUPPOSED TO BE the location for the festival. It was supposed to be in Woodstock NY.**

As "CHANCE" would have it – **although I don't believe in CHANCE**. I believe in CO-ordinated INCIDENCES that sovereign-God orchestrates as He works to get us closer to Him – (ACTS 17:26/27) I 'happened' to know some folks who were low-level-participants in the Woodstock music festival planning.

So I heard some of the back-story re the name of the festival, where it was supposed to happen etc.

I'm convinced God had better plans than the festival being in Woodstock NY.

Woodstock NY for years had hosted an upscale BEATNIK community that didn't want the "dirty rotten hippies" swarming their elite community, so the hippie festival was prevented from being held there and instead Max Yasgur – who used to bring his family to a hotel at which I worked during my college summers, agreed the festival could be held on his dairy farm.

**Joni Mitchell** wrote this song (later Crosby Stills and Nash sang it as well):

"I came upon a [child of God](#)

He was walking along the road - And I asked him where are you going - And this he told me I'm **going on down to Yasgur's farm**

I'm going to join in a rock 'n' roll band I'm going to camp out on the land **I'm going to try an' get my soul free**"

A BUNNY TRAIL RE ME – we WILL get to worship....

Although I had some VERY SLIGHT communications/interactions with the Grateful Dead (marketing folks) and also a friend of mine – now long gone from this world – was Killer Kane from the New York Dolls (who pretty much started punk music in NYC in the '60's) – I personally seemed to be only on the outskirts of the "music industry". That likely kept me alive, from going deeper into the darkness that very much appealed to me.

**BACK TO WOODSTOCK** - Years after I got saved in CA, the Lord started dealing with me and speaking to me about MUSIC and WORSHIP and the times in which we're now finding ourselves.

God spoke to me: "I birthed last days worship at Woodstock". Rock n Roll, in its **lost but searching darkness**, seemed to be AT LEAST to be searching for something good. **"PEACE AND LOVE"** was the mantra of the hippies. Sounded good.

But you can't mix illicit sex, a deep deathly drug culture and everything that comes along with that, and then add LOVE and come up with anything good, life-giving, or holy. It has proven to be a failed formula. I lost a lot of friends to that culture.

**BACK TO YASGUR'S FARM**. The festival was marked by downpour rain, it was sloppy, muddy, sort of disgusting with human waste and cow poop. NO ONE anticipated A HALF MILLION HIPPIES. It was epic, and sloppy and messy.

WHEN THE LORD SPOKE "I birthed LAST DAYS WORSHIP at WOODSTOCK". I prayed into that word.

I feel this was also from the Lord: The musical "womb" of the church was old and stodgy dry and God birthed something new in those days. God always HATES sin – because He understands the damage and death it brings - but He's not intimidated by sin.

The BORN AGAIN STORY is all about God taking the SIN out of the SINNER. AND THE STORY OF WORSHIP is a story of LIFE and HOLINESS and INTIMACY WITH GOD.

And God KNEW and KNOWS what is upcoming IN THESE TIMES prior to His return. FOR HIS Church to be walking in Spirit-led holiness and intimacy with Him, we HAVE to be deep in the place of true worship.

So where was Max Yasgur's farm located? Where did Joni Mitchell sing she was going to "try and get my soul free"?

Max's farm was and still remains in BETHEL NEW YORK.  
**BETH-EL means BET-ELOHIM. (House of God),** New York.

That revelation/realization to me, and ongoing CO-ordinated INCIDENCES throughout my life/ Robyn's life have had us on this journey-of-worship – and that to large degree, has taken us to Nashville in these days. Along the way, we've found ourselves aligned and attached to some amazing worship leaders, musicians, songwriters, etc.

WORSHIP IS KEY TO THE PLANS OF GOD ALWAYS – and I believe especially **in these days** – the days and season, **I believe, taking us to the return of the Lord – which I will be speaking about this evening in greater detail.**

God has an **end-times plan that heavily involves worship** – it is obvious throughout scripture. And because of that obviousness, several things come into play:

1. We are **Invited and ACTUALLY MORE IMPORTANTLY CALLED** to dig into understanding worship and participation in worship. It is big on God's heart.
2. Like **anything** Kingdom-related, we are **accountable** to learn what the Word tells us about worship.
3. We have an enemy who fears and despises worship – and will do all he can to try to undermine it or at least corrupt worship.
4. We win, in good part, because of our participation in worship.

**WORSHIP is NOT only music and song**, although both of those elements are KEY COMPONENTS to worship. The BIBLICAL MODEL points us to Worship w SONG and MUSIC, but also points us to a LIFESTYLE appropriate for worshippers of God. Worship ain't no gig.

Our **LIFESTYLE needs to be consciously dedicated to worshipping God.**

My prayer, BEYOND INFORMATION, is for an IMPARTATION OF REVELATION OF YOUR CALLING INTO WORSHIP. There is WAY MORE on this topic than I can cover in one message, so if you have received revelation re WORSHIP and I don't go there, it is only because this is where we are going this AM. Any revelation you might have, biblically based, and from the Lord, is for you to ponder, chew on, and heed. GOD LOVES talking to us individually!

SUFFICE TO SAY – TRUE SUCCESS AND EFFECTIVENESS in worship **ONLY** comes from the place of **intimacy** that is tied to **HOLINESS**. It's why we're told "BE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY"

Here is the **PRIORITY OF WORSHIP** – set forth by GOD, clearly expressed:  
(To the Samaritan woman)

**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.**"

This runs right into John's revelation of end times – in the book REVELATION – the REVEAL OF THE RETURN OF JESUS:

**Rev 15:1, 3-4**

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? **For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested.**"

AND **BEFORE THAT (EARLIER in the eschatological timeclock)** – IMMEDIATELY **PRIOR** TO HIS RETURN AND THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS:

**Rev 14:6-8**

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth-- to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--

7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and **worship Him** who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

8 And another angel followed, saying, "**Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

So we see the saints IN THESE DAYS are called into a place of WORSHIP. I believe part of it is the worship-warfare revealed in **Isaiah 30**.

But before we get to Isa 30 – remember Rev 14:8 again: a MARKER-EVENT re: the end-times victory: **BABYLON is fallen**

Babylon and Assyria are often cited as DESCRIPTIVES, "**PROPHETIC NICKNAMES**" of the spiritual as geographical empire who will be coming against the plans and people of God.

AND WHAT IS REVEALED TO **US NOW**, thousands of years **earlier**, by the Jewish prophet Isaiah, looking forward into the plans of heaven?

**Isa 30:27-33**

27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, burning with His anger, and His burden is heavy; his lips are full of indignation, and His tongue like a devouring fire.

28 His breath is like an overflowing stream, which reaches up to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of futility; and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

29 You shall have a song as in the night when a holy festival is kept, and gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute, to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the Mighty One of Israel.

I think verse 27 sets the stage and 29 points to our PROPHETIC PARTICIPATION – not unlike what occurred at Jericho – when the worshippers went first – prior to the walls coming down:

**GOING FURTHER:****Isaiah 30**

30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and show the descent of His arm, with the indignation of His anger and the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, tempest, and hailstones.

31 For through the voice of the LORD **Assyria** will be beaten down, as He strikes with the rod.

32 And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the LORD lays on him, it will be with **tambourines and harps**; and in battles of brandishing He will fight with it.

33 For Tophet was established of old, yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made it deep and large; its pyre is fire with much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, kindles it.

Paul tells us in Corinthians we do not wrestle against FLESH AND BLOOD – but against principalities and powers in heavenly realms. WE ARE WRESTLING against them.

Our battle is intended to begin as an AIRSTRIKE. Paul is telling us our success on earth in these and upcoming times clearly involves SPIRITUAL WARFARE, and that involves prayer and WORSHIP – by God's design and intent.

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER** are mentioned together and play a KEY ROLE in the overturning of the rebellious nations.

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER** fills the **Rev 5 bowls** that will then be poured out on earth, initiating God's righteous end-times activity – which is wrath on the wicked.

This is the TRIGGER EVENT of the book of Revelation Scenario:

**Rev 5:8-10**

8 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.**

9 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,

10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

THIS IS OUR PARTICIPATION, OUR CALLING, AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY. HARP AND BOWL.

**A "BIG BTW"** - PLEASE NOTICE THERE IS NO "MODEL" for Harp and Bowl worship, except the components of HOLINESS and UPLIFTED HANDS and bowed knees and unity.

Do you see WHY our enemy, about whom the scriptures reveal as AT ONE TIME, PRIOR TO HIS REBELLION AND FALL, was likely the WORSHIP LEADER OF HEAVEN – do you see why he hates and fears anointed worship?

These verses below are spoken about in reference to the ancient city of Tyre, but its revelation goes deeper – back to the days of CREATION. It hints at satanic influence in the CITY of TYRE – and POINTS to some of the creation blueprint in the heavenly realms:



**Ezek 28:13-15**

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of **your timbrels and pipes** was prepared for you on the day you were created.

14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, **till iniquity** was found in you.

AND THEN PRIDE CAME IN AND SATAN FELL. This ought to be a WARNING to all of us when anointings from God come upon us – the jeopardy of PRIDE will kill you.

MEANWHILE – on the upside - can you imagine SATAN'S DREAD about an ARMY of CONSECRATED and UNIFIED WORSHIP-WARRIORS who are participating in the culminating events of this AGE???

It is within this context that we need to understand and embrace and steward Worship.

**In that place of prophetic worship we will usher in the manifold presence of God.**

OUR REFERENCE – the temple dedication:

**2 Chr 5:11-14**

11 And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had **sanctified themselves**, without keeping to their divisions),

12 and the Levites who **were the singers**, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets--

13 **indeed** it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,

14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; **for the glory (CHABAD) of the LORD filled the house of God.**

God – (WHO DEFINITELY KNOWS WHAT TIME IT IS) is purposely **bringing us** into a season of PROPHETIC WORSHIP – and by that I mean worship where SANCTIFIED, GOD-FEARING SAINTS PRAY THE PROMISES AND WORD OF GOD INTO ACTION – declaring INTO THE ATMOSPHERE that which the Lord has already told, and will continue to reveal to us.

Do you see the POTENTIAL? I hope so.

Do you see the JEOPARDY of screwing this up? I hope so.

The stakes are rising in these times, and we need to understand what we are coming into.

There's a portion of scripture in the book of Amos that speaks about a

**RESTORATION OF THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID.**

There are varying opinions as to what that might point to, but I can say that the

**POSITIONING OF THAT PROPHECY within the final chapters of the small book of Amos** tends to time-mark THIS PROMISE into the days prior to the Lord's return. Like now.

The original tabernacle of David was a place of intense and ongoing worship – providing an atmosphere for the manifest presence of God and that is needed in these days, so that we might be filled with the presence of the Lord and know His will (per Paul in Ephesians)

Here is the AMOS verses - which I do believe speak to end times in that it points to the restoration of the people of Israel.

#### **Amos 9:9-15**

9 "For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as grain is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.

10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'

11 "On that day **I will raise up the tabernacle of David**, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old;

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name," says the LORD who does this thing.

13 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

15 I will plant them in their land, and **no longer shall they be pulled up from the land** I have given them," says the LORD your God.

VERSE 15 COORDINATES WITH EZEKIEL 36-39 – which is CLEARLY about END-OF-AGE drama, so we are not stretching things to associate the Tabernacle of David prophecy with that time period context.

WE ALWAYS WANT TO BE CAREFUL TO UNDERSTAND THE TIMINGS OF GOD – as these days folks, even with good intentions, will want to pull scriptures into a time frame or position that is simply "NOT YET". Eccl 3 – TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN. **How to know WHEN things are WHAT? Pray. Pray with your understanding. Pray in the Holy Spirit**

#### **Ezek 36:7-11**

7 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "**I have raised My hand in an oath** that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.

8 "But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.

9 "For **indeed** I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.

10 "I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

11 "I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. **Then you shall know that I am the LORD.** (this is the end-of-age revelation to the Jews)

**MORE ON THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID** – moving into the **NT** to see the call to the Gentiles INTO this worship tabernacle, PRIOR to the return of the Lord, and FOR the salvation of souls **Acts 15:14-17**



- 14 "Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.  
 15 "And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:  
 16 **'After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David,** which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up;  
 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.'

This is the CRITICAL NATURE and PROPHETIC CALLING TO THE SAINTS IN OUR TIME. We have to respond to this. It is part of our victory.

### **SO HOW DO WE RESPOND????**

**IN HOLINESS.** This is not about a concert to God. The worshippers have to be holy. Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord. Worship is not about "getting into worship-mode", it is about dying to self and making a lifestyle commitment to dwell in a spirit of worship. We're making progress, and we have a long way to go. I'm w ya, pressing in..

Here's the warning about unsanctified worship – the Christian "gig" – just like the Jewish gig:

#### **Amos 5:21-24**

- 21 "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies.  
 22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.  
 23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.  
 24 But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

**DOING IT HIS WAY – Never in FAMILIARITY** – Backstory – the ark was taken by the Philistines, then returned to Israel and it stayed in Abinadab's HOUSE for 20 years. The ark of the covenant represented the glory of God.

#### **1 Sam 7:1**

- 1 Then the men of Kirjath Jearim came and took the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

And that RESTING PLACE in a man's home, may have bred familiarity. Then they determined to bring the ark into Jerusalem. They desired the PRESENCE OF GOD, but wanted to bring it in by their own good intent:

#### **2 Sam 6:3**

- 3 So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and **Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab,** drove the new cart.

**(out of order "worship")**

#### **2 Sam 6:5-7**

- 5 Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the LORD on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.  
 6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah (a son of Abinadab) put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.

7 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.

WORSHIP, out of the order of God, even with good intent, will fail.

THEN THEY GOT IT RIGHT:

**1 Chr 15:13-28 (after some scriptural research, David tells them)**

13 "For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16 Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy.

25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom **with joy**.

27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

We are **ACCOUNTABLE TO KNOW** what has gone on before us, so that we can avoid the same pitfalls and failures. WE NEED TO BE WORSHIPPING ACCORDING TO GOD'S PLANS AND METHODS.

Fortunately, for us, we are under great Grace – but that grace is to allow us ACCESS to a holy God, it is was never intended to LOWER the BAR on HOLINESS, nor on doing things right:

**1 Cor 10:11**

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

WHEN the Presence of God comes into a place, the ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX elevates. Ask Ananias and Sapphira. The early church was marked by the presence of God. The ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX was high. I am confident that ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX is rising again – as the Lord prepares His people.

It will be that way as we get closer to the return of the Lord. God is training us NOW so that we will be ready and prepared for the PROMISED OUTPOURING.

**HERE IS NEW TESTAMENT ADMONITION:**

**Heb 12:25-26**

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

We are talking **OUR DAYS**.

If the foundation of the nation of Israel has ANYTHING to do with the end-times clock ticking, WE are in the generation of that season.

God's end-time plan clearly involves Israel.

**CNN and FOXNEWS** testify to that.

Jesus is returning to Jerusalem. He is dealing heavily with the Jewish people. Even in their current state of national blindness, what is going on IN and AROUND Israel is proclaiming the news of the soon and coming King. The eyes of the world are rightly on the Middle East.

We HAVE to be people intimate with God to understand what God is doing, what He is calling us into, and what He expects of us.

We would do well to not miss out on the fullness of what God is doing.

But if we get sidetracked or hung-up and worse, I humbly contend we can even be destroyed by His presence. Ask ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA).

My wife and I are not very musical, but we have been called into the place of worship, TO WORSHIP OURSELVES, to be speaking into the lives of worship folks, covering them, challenging them.

By His grace, to some degree, we "get" worship. So I am speaking re this subject as a MUCH-INVOLVED OBSERVER and non-singer/non-musician PARTICIPANT, and as one who has some experience in a few outpourings, revivals, gatherings where the Presence of God showed up powerfully,

AND ALSO, SADLY, we've seen other situations where people were goofy, or controlling, or immature and simply did not know how to **STEWARD the PRESENCE of God**, and folks missed the DEEPER COMMUNION OF WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP.

We need to understand what God is doing. We need to LEARN TO STEWARD THE PRESENCE OF GOD. We want the SUSTAINED PRESENCE OF GOD WHOSE DESIRE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO DWELL IN OUR MIDST..

Joni Mitchell's WOODSTOCK song chorus- "**and we gotta get ourselves back ro the Garden....**"

THAT WOULD BE **EMMANUEL** – God with us.

**PSALM 24** presents the Lord w His warrior title – LORD OF HOSTS – King of the Universe – Commander of the Armies of Heaven - this is huge in the end-times plan of worship:

**Ps 24:6-10**

6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face. Selah

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? **The LORD of hosts**, he is the King of glory. Selah

Worship, by its nature, is a place of intimacy. Intimacy involves exposure. If you are not ready to be naked before God, you will not enter that place.

**Ps 26:2-8**

2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my mind and my heart.  
 3 For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth.  
 4 I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, nor will I go in with hypocrites.  
 5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.  
 6 I will wash my hands in innocence; so I will go about Your altar, O LORD,  
 7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works.  
 8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

If there is something hidden inside us, **it will HINDER us, DESTROY us, or at very least CHASE AWAY the presence of the Holy God.**

When we read the word of God and see things intensifying, THAT is a GOOD THING. The church that is on earth prior to His return will be walking in a ELIYAHU HANAVI anointing: ELIJAH who is to come.

And that anointing is the JOHN THE BAPTIST anointing – preparing the way of the Lord.

That anointing HAS TO BE MARKED by our DECREASE.

The JEOPARDY of anointing can be our pride and ownership, and that will destroy it all. (Aithophel)

The POTENTIAL of anointing is our participation in the greatest event to ever come upon the earth – the return of the righteous King to rule and reign over the nations.

We are called to the divine portals through which the Lord comes in. Let's prepare the way of the Lord. He wants to "come in" through the heads-lifted-up" **gates** of His people who are seeking His face (**Psalm 24**)

**Let me end with this great psalm – Psalm 63 – speaking to all of us, reminding us of what to be doing and how to do it, and the great result:**

FOR WHO. WHAT HOW I FEEL. WHEN I START. MY CONDITION. THE ENVIRONMENT. WHAT I DO AND WHERE I GO TO SEE WHAT. WHY YOU ARE SO WORTHY WHAT I WILL INITIATE. THE DIVINE EXPERIENCE/RESULT.

**Ps 63:1-5**

1 O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.

3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.

4 Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.