

# THE GIVER **AND** HIS GIFTS

## The Giver and His Gifts Series

### Part 3

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#### Worship in the Spirit - The Work of the Holy Spirit within our Worship

The Gospel of Saint John 4:21-26, <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he

who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” May the Lord add His blessing to the reading and the hearing of His Word; Amen.

Why did Jesus tandem these two points together in verse 24; spirit and truth? I believe that Jesus gives us greater insight into this statement, found in verse 24, when we compare it against what Jesus stated regarding the Holy Spirit and His function in our lives found in the Gospel of Saint John 16:13-14, “<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Note the delineation here when we compare these two texts against one another; if we intend to worship Him then we must do so in Spirit and in Truth but it is the Holy Spirit who will be sent into our lives to lead us into all Truth. Thus let it be established that if we truly intend to Worship the Lord and worship in the Spirit then it is only accomplished by way of Truth being found in our understanding of who God is as well as the Holy Spirit enabling us to Worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth.

Both objectives are accomplished by one and the same; the Holy Spirit. We cannot find truth apart from Him and we cannot worship the Lord as Christ expressed it without the Power of the Holy Spirit being found in our lives. With that said, let's look at Point #1 today...

## 1) The Move of the Holy Spirit in My Life Causes Me to Engage in Worship.

- a. We cannot engage God in worship and expect Him to not engage us in return. We cannot engage God in worship but not expect Him to release something through us that we never knew was there!
- b. 1 Samuel 10:9-13, <sup>9</sup>“When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all these signs came to pass that day. <sup>10</sup>When they came to Gibeah, behold, a group of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them. <sup>11</sup>And when all who knew him previously saw how he prophesied with the prophets, the people said to one another, “What has come over the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?”<sup>12</sup> And a man of the place answered, “And who is their father?” Therefore it became a proverb, “Is Saul also

among the prophets?”<sup>18</sup> When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place.”

- c. When Saul engaged in Worship, it was then that God released something through him that no one ever expected. Saul began to prophesy and Saul was not a prophet. See how Saul’s worship released something out of his life that he nor anyone else ever knew was there until Worship in the Spirit began to release a gift that no one knew was there.
- d. His Worship released the Supernatural power of God through him and it not only impacted his life personally but it also impacted everyone who was around him.
- e. Worship releases a flow through us that no other act can release! But when we refuse to engage in Worship, the flow is stopped.
- f. Have we not noticed, when we corporately engage in worship with one focus and goal, how the Spirit begins to move in a more dynamic and powerful way? It is a simple principle; if we want God to move in our gatherings then we must begin to move, begin to engage, in our worship. No worship; no flow. Outpour of worship; outpour of flow.
- g. Our engagement in worship matters...

Not only does our worship directly impact the outpouring, point #2...

## 2) The Touch of the Holy Spirit in My Life Causes Me to Humble Myself in Worship.

- a. Christian! We cannot have a supernatural experience in His presence and not be humbled by our inadequacies.
- b. Isaiah 6:1-7, “In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train<sup>[a]</sup> of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”



- c. Isaiah asked to be cleansed when He was overcome by the majesty of the Presence of God and it was in this experience, this moment of seeing the Lord, that in his seeing he was reminded that he was wholly inadequate.
- d. Hear his words, “<sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”
- e. The Hebrew word for “Woe” found in this text is the word, “o’ee”, Strong’s Hebrew #188 and this word interprets to mean, “a passionate cry of grief or despair”. Isaiah’s opening word to what he was experiencing was a cry of despair; not because of the Greatness of God but it was this greatness that gave way to Isaiah realizing just how woefully insufficient and sinful that he was.
- f. Church family, worship is a time of breaking and mending as a simultaneous act. Isaiah was broken as a man and mended as a prophet in the same experience; in the same moment. The Holy Spirit is manifest to humble our spirit when we are in the presence of the Lord.

- g. If our times of worship do not break us then we are not worshipping the Lord but rather ourselves.
- h. It should be a sobering reality to know that we are in the Presence of a Holy God and in light of seeing His holiness, it highlights our inadequacies.
- i. The heart and spirit behind our worship matters...

Not only should our worship cause us to humble ourselves in worship, in closing, point #3...

### 3) The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit in My Life Causes Me to Know Who I Am.

- a. We cannot tell God who He is and not expect him to tell us who we are. And furthermore, if Christ's identity was found in the Father and if our identity is found in Christ then it is in Him that I discover who I am. Let me show us all something about us that the vast majority of Christians do not know about themselves.
- b. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 22:41-46, <sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup>saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." <sup>43</sup>He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord,

saying, <sup>44</sup> “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?” <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.”

- c. Let us look carefully at verse 44 together. The Lord said to my Lord sit at my right hand... the Father said to the Son, sit at my right hand; Stephen, who was stoned to death in Acts chapter 7, saw the following vision of the Lord before his death.
- d. Acts 7:55-56, <sup>55</sup> “But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”
- e. But if the Lord Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, where are we seated?
- f. Ephesians 2:4-6, “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”