



Days of Heaven on Earth Session 11

The Prayer and Worship Connection

I. Text Scriptures

Deuteronomy 11:8-21 (NKJV) – ⁸“Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may **be strong, and go in and possess the land** which you cross over to possess, ⁹and that you may **prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’** ¹⁰For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden; ¹¹but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which **drinks water from the rain of heaven,** ¹²**a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.**

SKIP to vs 18 – ¹⁸“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, **like the days of the heavens above the earth.**

II. Review of Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

A. Session 1 – The Flow of Heaven on Earth – God is bringing us into a season of a different flow.

B. Session 2 – Can You Believe It?

C. Session 3 – Prepare Yourself

D. Session 4 & 5 – Releasing the Atmosphere of Heaven

E. Session 6 – The Voice of Heaven



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F. Session 7 – Staying in the Flow

G. Session 8 – Hindrances to the Heaven's Flow

H. Session 9 – Experiencing Heaven's Daily Flow

III. Prayer and Worship Connection

A. **Deuteronomy 11:21 (NKJV)** – *that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.*

B. The flow of heaven is available to every believer.

C. There are things we do that keeps the flow of heaven working our life.

1. Prayer, church, bible reading, serving, obedience.

2. Worship is a significant part of our life that keeps the flow of heaven active.

D. Jehoshaphat's strategy

2 Chronicles 20:1 (NKJV) – *It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.*

2 Chronicles 20:5-12 (NLT) – ⁵Jehoshaphat stood before the community of Judah and Jerusalem in front of the new courtyard at the Temple of the LORD. ⁶He prayed, "O LORD, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you! ⁷O our God, did you not drive out those who lived in this land when your people Israel arrived? And did you not give this land forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham? ⁸Your people settled here and built this Temple to honor your name. ⁹They said, 'Whenever we are faced with any calamity



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such as war, plague, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence before this Temple where your name is honored. We can cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.’¹⁰“And now see what the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir are doing. You would not let our ancestors invade those nations when Israel left Egypt, so they went around them and did not destroy them. ¹¹Now see how they reward us! For they have come to throw us out of your land, which you gave us as an inheritance. ¹²O our God, won’t you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help.”

1. When Josaphat was attacked, His first response was PRAYER.
2. Prayer is KEY to releasing the flow of heaven.
3. We will see later that praise was also connected to releasing the flow of heaven.
4. PRAYER AND PRAISE – release the flow of heaven to our circumstances on earth.
5. The RIGHT KIND of prayer
 - a. Many are confused about prayer.
 - b. It is more than begging God to move.
 - c. It is more than attempting to convince God why He should move.
 - d. Real prayer speaks FAITH in:
 - Who God is*
 - What He can do*
 - What He has promised to do according to His covenant.*

NOTICE Josaphat’s prayer.

- **2 Chronicles 20:6 (NLT)** – *O LORD, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you!*

Notice that Jehosaphat doesn’t begin his prayer talking about HOW BIG HIS PROBLEM IS. He begins by declaring How big His God is. HE MAGNIFIES THE LORD!



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- **2 Chronicles 20:7 (NLT)** – *O our God, did you not drive out those who lived in this land when your people Israel arrived? And did you not give this land forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham?*

Notice that he is reminding God of what He has already done- (PRAISE) – and that He had already given this land to Israel the descendants of YOUR FRIEND Abraham.

THIS IS COVENANT TALK! “REMEMBER what you promised Abraham.”

Remember Your Covenant.

The prayer that will release the flow of heaven into your circumstances will always have the WORD OF THE COVENANT included. The promises of the covenant should be in your mouth when you pray.

- **2 Chronicles 20:9 (NLT)** – *They said, ‘Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war, plague, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence before this Temple where your name is honored. We can cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.’*
- **2 Chronicles 20:12 (NLT)** – *O our God, won’t you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help.”*

He declares that in the natural they are powerless against this enemy, but WE ARE LOOKING TO YOU FOR HELP.

This is not a beggarly cry – but a FAITH DELCARATION – THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO YOU EXPECTING TO RECEIVE YOUR HELP NOW, JUST AS YOU HAVE SAID- AND JUST AS YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

6. The flow of heaven’s victory in your life will always include the RIGHT KIND OF PRAYER.

- a. Hezekiah when he received a letter from his enemy.

2 Kings 19:14-19 (NKJV) – ¹⁴*And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. ¹⁵Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: “O LORD God of Israel,*



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the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. ¹⁶*Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.* ¹⁷*Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands,* ¹⁸*and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore, they destroyed them.* ¹⁹*Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD God, You alone.*

- b. **Hezekiah's prayer begins with declaration of Who God is. It is a prayer of worship and reverence.**

2 Kings 19:15 (GNT) – *O LORD, the God of Israel, seated on your throne above the winged creatures, you alone are God, ruling all the kingdoms of the world. You created the earth and the sky.*

Notice – He PUTS his focus ON GOD – ON WHO GOD IS – ON WHAT GOD CAN DO

This takes the attention off the battle and puts the attention on God!

- c. **The early church's prayer**

Acts 4:23-31 (NLT) – ²³*As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said.* ²⁴*When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: "O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—* ²⁵*you spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant, saying, 'Why were the nations so angry? Why did they waste their time with futile plans?* ²⁶*The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers gathered together against the LORD and against his Messiah.'*

²⁷*"In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed.* ²⁸*But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will.* ²⁹***And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching***



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your word. ³⁰***Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.*** ³¹*After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.*

Notice: *They began with a declaration of WHO GOD IS. They reminded God of His word – regarding the opposition that would come because of the Messiah.*

They could expect God to move – because he declared in His word that their plans were futile – useless – having no effect.

d. **PASTOR'S NOTE:** ***It is important that we get our prayer right!***

- **Declare who God is.**
- **Declare His promises.**
- **Pray aloud.**
- **Paul and Silas PRAYED and Sang – and the prisoners heard them.**
- **The early church LIFTED THEIR VOICES in prayer.**

IV. The significance of the Worship Flow.

A. What is worship?

1. **To give of our deepest affections and highest praise to something.**
2. **Respectful devotion.**
3. **To honor and show reverence to God.**

B. Expressions of praise and worship!

Worship must be expressed!

1. Music

- a. Singing
- b. Instrumental worship



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2. Shouting

Declarations of faith

3. Dancing

4. Lifting of hands

5. The fruit of our lips! *Included in prayer.*

C. Worship Scriptures

1. **Psalm 66:1-4 (NKJV)** – ¹*Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!* ²*Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.* ³*Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power your enemies shall submit themselves to You.* ⁴*All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name.*
2. **Psalm 63:4 (NKJV)** – *So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.*
3. **Psalm 95:2 (NKJV)** – *Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*
4. **Ephesians 5:19 (NKJV)** – *speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*
5. **Psalm 149:3 (NLT)** – *Praise his name with dancing, accompanied by tambourine and harp*

V. Worship and the flow of heaven.

- A. **Worship is more than sending up praise unto the Lord in heaven, it is releasing the flow of heaven to earth.**



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1. **John 4:24 (NKJV)** – *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*”

Real worship involves the Spirit, it is spiritual. (Spiritual doesn't mean emotional!)

- a. We begin with praise – releasing something to the Father.
 - b. As we move into intimate worship, He is releasing something to us.
 - c. Praise is for Him – Worship is for us.
2. **Failure to engage in praise and worship is failure to access the flow of heaven.**
 3. **There are things waiting for us in the heavenlies that cannot be released until we release our praise.**
 - a. Blessings in His presence.
 - b. Miracles – *deliverance* – *healings* – *victory*.
 - c. Answers and wisdom for every situation.
 - d. Supernatural peace.
 - e. Supernatural strength to face every battle.

B. Examples of the release of heaven during praise and worship

1. **2 Chronicles 5:11-14 (NLT)** – ¹¹*Then the priests left the Holy Place. All the priests who were present had purified themselves, whether or not they were on duty that day.* ¹²*And the Levites who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and all their sons and brothers—were dressed in fine linen robes and stood at the east side of the altar playing cymbals, lyres, and harps. They were joined by 120 priests who were playing trumpets.* ¹³*The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the LORD with these words: “He is good! His faithful love endures forever!” **At that moment** a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD.* ¹⁴*The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the LORD filled the Temple of God.*



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- a. At the moment of unified praise, the glorious presence of the Lord entered that place.
 - b. They initiated praise on their own. They were not moved upon by the Spirit.
 - c. When they moved in praise and worship – the Spirit of the Lord moved. *Too many are waiting on the Lord to move them. When you move – the Lord will move.*
 - d. The temple was nothing until the Spirit moved in.
*The Spirit did not move in until praise was offered up.
The flow of praise escorted the presence of God into the temple.*
 - e. WE are the temple of the Holy Spirit.
1 Corinthians 3:16 (NKJV) – *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you
The Spirit inhabits – it dwells within us.
We can stir the Spirit – through our worship.
Our temple needs the moving of the Spirit in our life.
WE must yield the members of our body/temple to the Spirit
through praise and worship to release the flow of heaven into our circumstances.*
2. **Acts 13:1-3 (NKJV)** – ¹*In the church that was at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius the Cyrenian, Manaen, a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work I have called them to.” ³Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off.*
- a. **As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting:**
Acts 13:2(NLT) – *One day as these men were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.”*
Acts 13:2 (MSG) – *One day as they were worshipping God—they were also fasting as they waited for guidance—the Holy Spirit spoke: “Take Barnabas and Saul and commission them for the work I have called them to do.”*
 - b. **Their worship was a connection to the direction they needed from the Lord.**

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- *Worship takes our mind off of our need*
- *Worship takes our mind out of natural reasoning and gives God place to speak His wisdom into our circumstances.*

- c. **Psalm 71:7-16 (NLT)** – ⁷*My life is an example to many, because you have been my strength and protection. ⁸That is why I can never stop praising you; I declare your glory all day long. ⁹And now, in my old age, don't set me aside. Don't abandon me when my strength is failing. ¹⁰For my enemies are whispering against me. They are plotting together to kill me. ¹¹They say, "God has abandoned him. Let's go and get him, for no one will help him now." ¹²O God, don't stay away. My God, please hurry to help me. ¹³Bring disgrace and destruction on my accusers. Humiliate and shame those who want to harm me. ¹⁴But I will keep on hoping for your help; I will praise you more and more. ¹⁵I will tell everyone about your righteousness. All day long I will proclaim your saving power, though I am not skilled with words. ¹⁶I will praise your mighty deeds, O Sovereign LORD. I will tell everyone that you alone are just.*
- *I can never stop praising! David had so learned the power of praise that He would never allow anything to keep him from worship.*
 - *When the enemy was plotting – praise was His weapon. I will praise you more and more.*
 - *Praise is a proclamation of victory - I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR SAVING POWER.*
 - *David knew about proclaiming His victories as a testimony, but he also knew that He could proclaim his victories before they occurred.*
- d. **1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NLT)** – ⁴⁵*David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!" ⁴⁷And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his*





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people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!"

- *David Is praising the Lord for the victory by proclaiming by faith what the Lord will do.*
- *David is prophetically testifying.*
- *Church testimony – to tell about what the Lord has done.*
- *Prophetic Faith Testimony – to proclaim what the Lord will do before He does it.*

*PRAISING GOD IN ADVANCE – PRIOR TO THE MANIFESTATION
– my first healing*

- e. **Romans 4:19-22 (NKJV)** – ¹⁹*And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²²And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."*

Romans 4:19 (ABPE) – *And he did not doubt The Promise of God as if his faith were lacking, but he was strengthened in faith and he gave praise to God*

Romans 4:19 (GNT) – *His faith did not leave him, and he did not doubt God's promise; his faith filled him with power, and he gave praise to God.*

- ***Abraham's praise began in faith prior to Isaac being born.***
- ***He praised God every time he declared the promise God had made to him by putting the promise in His mouth.***
- ***He praised God every time he referred to himself as Abraham vs Abram.***

f. **Personal Revelation**

I know my faith has developed to a receiving level when PRAISE has entered my mouth.

As long as I am still praying, asking, and meditating to develop my faith – My faith is not on the launch pad.

The confession of praise -declares what the Lord has done.

The confession of praise – pulls the trigger to change circumstance.



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- g. **Psalm 119:164 (NKJV)** – *Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments.*