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Dear Friend,

I want to talk to you about combining your private worship with the confession of God's Word. This is what the Apostle Paul talks about in Ephesians 5:19 when he says, **Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.**

There is life in this teaching that will take you from where you are now to a place in Him where it is already done. One sure way I know to get to that place is by ministering to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your heart to the Lord as you give thanks for all things to God the Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ—which is private worship.

You see, just because you don't have what you need right now doesn't mean that God didn't already provide it for you. He finished His work of redemption two thousand years ago, so He can't heal you any more than He already has. He can't give you any more finances or any more peace, nor can He break down any more strongholds than He already has.

When Jesus said, "It is finished," He set a law of the spirit into operation. That law of the spirit of life trumped the law of sin and death which used to reign out of our spirits. Now the law of the spirit of life—which is the nature that emanated out of Jesus' spirit—emanates out of our spirits as well. It is the law of the new nature, and it replaced and set us free from the law of sin and death.

Why does God call it a *law*? Because it produces the same invariable outcome every single time. For instance, you can apply mathematical equations to electricity because it acts the same way every time. So much so, you can work right next to an electrical current without being harmed as long as you operate according to the laws of physics by which electricity is governed. But if you don't respect the laws of physics, electricity can kill you because those laws never vary. They operate the same way every single time.

In the same way, the law of the spirit of life operates today as it did two thousand years ago. You see, God isn't trying to decide whether He is going to heal us—He has **ALREADY** provided for our healing. He isn't deciding on our victory or whether to set us free from every stronghold—He has **ALREADY** provided for our freedom. All that we need is already resident in Him—and He lives in our new nature in the Person of the Holy Spirit!

In God's immutability, He cannot change, nor can He be changed. So if you're not walking in the divine health He has provided you, you are the one who has to change. You have to find a way to go from the place you are now, where you are in need of your manifested healing, to that place in Him where you have it. How are you going to do that? By ministering to your own soul—your mind, will, intellect,

and emotions—until you go from a place of unbelief, where you cannot receive God’s promise, to that place in Him where the answer is yours by faith.

Have you attained to the law of the spirit of life concerning healing? Has the new nature come forward in you sufficiently to enable you to attain to the law of the spirit of life concerning peace? Have you attained to the law of the new nature to the extent that you don’t have to leave handicapped children in their wheelchairs or deaf children in the schools for the hearing impaired?

Jesus doesn’t intend to leave sick or hurting people as they are. And if He doesn’t want to leave them in a broken or impaired condition, you shouldn’t be satisfied to do so either. You just need to go from where you are now to the immutable, unchanging position where God is. As you do, the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus will set you free to believe for others’ complete deliverance as well.

It is amazing to consider all that Jesus provided for us when He set into motion the law of the spirit of life. Just think—every day we deal with our flesh, with the temptations of the world, and with all the traps the devil has set for us along the way. Yet God gave us His nature when we were born again. He made us a part of His extended family. He even entrusted us with a Member of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit has actually come and taken up His abode in us!

Now that we are children of God, the Holy Spirit says to each of us, “Look, little inheritor of Adam’s body, tempted by the devil on all sides, I want you to understand something. You’re aging day by day, but you have Me living within you, and you have a born-again spirit. Therefore, I dare to say this to you: All things are possible to him who believes, and that includes **YOU!**”

God is sovereignly immutable, unchanging, and invariable. He **ALWAYS** has the last say-so. This is the very reason you can have faith in His promises. You need to know that when you choose to believe something God has said, He has no other recourse but to fulfill His promise. Even if He wanted another recourse—which He doesn’t—He wouldn’t have one, for He cannot change. Therefore, you can know that He will always be there with the answer when you get there with your faith!

Let’s look at Ephesians 5 to find out how you can minister to yourself in such a way that you enable God to bring you forward into His love so you can ride on the high places with Him through every situation of life. In verse 18, Paul says in effect, “You don’t have to be drunk on wine, wherein is excess, for you have a much better alternative—be filled with the Holy Spirit!” Then in the next verse, Paul tells you how to stay filled with the Spirit: by ministering to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

Personally, I have determined that I will minister to myself until I go from where I am to where God is. Since He can’t change, that means I already have my answer. So if I’m not enjoying the benefits of His promises, I need to go from where I don’t have them to where I do. God can’t change, but I can!

God seems to think that private worship is the key to this journey. In Ephesians 5:18,19, Paul talks about the development and the bringing forward of

our new nature—the part of us that has the capacity to pull on and hold the unlimited reservoir of God’s love and compassion.

When I first locked myself away in my private worship closet, I knew God wanted to teach me something. So I prayed, “Holy Spirit, You are going to have to teach me how to worship Jesus, because the Bible says You receive of His and show it unto me (John 16:14). The Word also says that You will not speak of Yourself but will glorify Jesus. You are supposed to teach me how to worship, Holy Spirit, because You always glorify Him, and that’s what I want to do too. I want to get in Your flow of worship and glorify Jesus. So please teach me, Holy Spirit. I’m yielding myself to You.”

In the months that followed, the Holy Spirit taught me that as we spend time in worship, we grow in our new nature as the Lord visits us with His power and manifested Presence. This process continues until, finally, His geographical Presence stays with us and surrounds us all the time. That’s what happened in Smith Wigglesworth’s walk with God. People would cry out to Smith as he passed by, “My God, man, just your presence convicts me!”

To be honest, there was a time when I hated to go pray for sick people in hospitals because nothing ever seemed to happen. But let me tell you, when that geographical Presence begins to surround you continually, the days of nothing happening when you go to minister to the sick will be over. After all, God wants those who are sick to be healed much more than you or I do!

The Lord also taught me that worship works well when I need to get into His Presence quickly. Let’s say I have a prayer request that urgently needs to be answered. The Lord said that is the time when I should come before Him to worship and fellowship for a while before I present Him with my petition. He said, “First of all, son, you’re coming into the Presence of a King. Therefore, you need to show some protocol.”

Historically, in many countries, when ambassadors or other dignitaries visited a king, they didn’t make eye contact with the king until he gave them permission. Also, it was often expected for the dignitaries to bring a gift to present to the king as a matter of protocol. Although protocol for approaching royalty varies among cultures, some kind of respectful behavior is always expected to show honor when entering into the king’s presence.

Well, Jesus is our King, our Redeemer, AND our God. Therefore, we need to show great respect when we enter into His Presence!

You see, the only gift you have to give God that He wants is YOU. Everything else is a manifestation of His love: spiritual gifts, the work of the Holy Spirit, the blood of Jesus, faith, answered prayer, and so on. There is only one way you can minister to God—by spending time in worship before Him until your heart locks on to His heart, allowing a divine flow to begin between you and Him. Therefore, show some respect when you enter into His Presence. You are the gift He wants, so tell Him, “Here I am, Lord. Now what do You want me to do?”

When I asked the Lord that question, He told me, “Have you ever noticed that after you worship Me for a while, your voice starts trailing off and your worship becomes ‘lip service’ because your mind has wandered away down the street somewhere? You’re off solving some problem from yesterday while your mouth is still telling Me that you love Me.”

I answered, “Yes, Sir, I have noticed that.”

The Lord replied, “Well, show some respect, son. I don’t want your lip service. I want ALL of you—your soul, your mind, your will, your intellect, and your emotions. You need to practice focusing on Me during these times we spend together. When your mind wanders off down the street, go get it. When your will, your intellect, and your emotions start distracting you, bring them back and empty everything you are before Me. Pour all your love for Me into each statement of adoration.”

These divine instructions apply to every one of us. As we enter into God’s Presence, we are not to waste our time trying to impress Him with long, theological “exposés of exergestic proportions,” such as, “God, let me tell You the many ways that I adore You. You are the Celestial Go-Between in the troubled waters of mankind, and I worship the omnipotence of Your Godship. As dew blankets the grass at dawn, so is my love for You, O God.”

If you’ll just empty yourself out before God, it won’t be very long before you’re simply saying from the depths of your heart, “I love You, Lord. I love You. I glorify You. I magnify You.” Then when you realize that your soul has wandered off down the street, you can just stop for a moment and go get it. Bring your thoughts back to the matter at hand and start pouring out your heart before God once more. As you do this, I guarantee you that He will come and manifest His love and power to you.

By the way, this is also what you need to do at the beginning of every corporate worship service you attend. Focus in on worshiping the Lord immediately and help out the worship leaders! Don’t wait for them to pull you in. Jump in with them and help create an atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit can move in case there are lost people in the crowd whom God wants to reach.

You may ask, “But what do I do about my wandering mind if I start spending long hours in private worship before the Lord?”

That’s when the law of confession will take over. You might be saying, “I love You, Lord. I love You” in a hollow voice that keeps trailing off into the distance. But that’s all right. Eventually, as you keep voicing your love for God in worship and keep focusing your thoughts on each word you are saying, your mind will line up with what your spirit is doing. Month after month, your new nature will continue to take more ground away from the flesh and the devil until the day you emerge from your prayer closet engulfed in God’s Presence and His anointing of healing, power, and grace.

You see, it is impossible not to grow in faith and godly hope when you suspend your spirit in God’s Presence in this way. So I urge you to spend time each

day in private worship alone with Him. Whether you kneel, lie down, or walk as you worship, try to keep every part of yourself poured out before Him—spirit, mind, will, intellect, and emotions. If your mind starts to wander off, just stop long enough to go get it, and then fix your thoughts back on the Lord. Get right back to pouring yourself out before Him with statements of love and adoration. No matter what your mind or emotions tell you, you are on your way to that place called Done and a deeper relationship with God if you don't give up on your private times of worship.

Remember, you already have all that you need to pull on and hold the love of God—because you've been born again. You have a spiritual mind that hungers after the Word and a new nature that has an unlimited capacity for truth.

When you were filled with the Holy Spirit, you received everything you needed to bring forth that new nature and trump every cloudy and dark area that you're fighting with right now. You can invade those areas, destroy every stronghold in the way, and win your battle against anything with great joy.

Jesus said, "My glory—My standing with the Father—I give unto you so you can know that the Father loves you with the same love wherewith He loved Me" (John 17). **JESUS LOVES YOU.** To discover that truth and receive it is to walk in victory.

There is only one way you can truly minister to Jesus: by giving Him today, in the middle of your natural circumstances, what you will be giving Him for all eternity—**THE GIFT OF YOURSELF IN WORSHIP.** After all, He is the One who has destroyed all of the works of the enemy and declared to you, "**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.**" Now, that's good news!

Your friend and co-laborer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave". The letter "D" is large and stylized, with a loop at the top. The rest of the name is written in a cursive, lowercase script.

Dave Roberson

The Family Prayer Center Present-Day Speaking

PT130106A – Jan 6, 2013 He Will Guide You Into All Truth

Editor's Note: The following came after a brief explanation about God using exhortation as a means to deliver what is needed or to bring understanding.

In the days of the apostles and the formation of the New Testament, these had the Word of God inside. Paul speaking: "I thank my God I pray"—speak in tongues—"more than you all," because he had already pegged it as a source, on-purpose source to receive the mysteries of God that were hid in Christ Jesus—the mystery of who Christ is in you, the Hope of glory.

Paul knew he couldn't pray in this language that came down from Heaven and not be praying those mysteries out for the purpose of them being answered in a form of understanding the mysteries he was praying out. Remember, their letters explaining these mysteries are now your scriptures in the New Testament.

They had to walk out here [to teach], armed with what they knew and having been taught by the Holy Spirit through this one major avenue in particular—praying in the Holy Ghost. For Jesus mentioned Him when He said, For He—the Holy Spirit—shall receive of Mine and show it unto you. He will not push, drag or pull, but He will guide you into all truth.

PT130106B – Jan 6, 2013 Praying in Tongues: I Said You Would Be Edified

Editor's Note: The following was spoken after an exhortation on praying in tongues.

He gave this to you so that you could open up a communication with Me where I could order what is being prayed and continue to move your life down the path that I have set for it. So think not that you are not accomplishing much when you are praying in My language and doing other things and going about your usual business and time. And any time you can give to Me for the edification, you can rest assured, it wasn't you who said you would be edified. I said that.

PT130106C – Jan 6, 2013 The Time Is Truly Drawing Closer

There is nothing that you have that I have not taken care of that you have to keep, for there are places in Me that you don't know much about yet. And not many people have attained to them, but those who have, they have come to Me and have gotten things that caused the world to stand up and notice and say, "This must be God."

I have several things scheduled for you, so be strong and know that the time is truly, truly drawing closer and closer that you will get to see the things you have only heard about. So rejoice and be exceedingly glad. Your time is close.

PT130113A - Jan 13, 2013
Worship Me for What I Said About It

For you to take your stand—resist what shouldn't be that is trying to come on you—worship Me for what I said about it instead of lending yourself to it. You, too, will walk out with a great victory.

PT130113B - Jan 13, 2013
A Place of Surrender in Me

Many of you who have a hunger and a thirst, both of these will be satisfied in the days to come through your obedience. For to thirst and to hunger after My moving—this is not a hard thing to attain to, but it is something that the devil has made [to] look impossible because of all the doctrines that have [been] substituted [for] My truths in this area. But be bold, for I am not looking for special, exceptional people. I am just looking for those who love Me and who love people.

Don't be surprised when these signs will follow them that believe—you will lay hands on the sick and they will recover. So be strong, for My will is not to leave you the same week by week in the occupation of your chair. For until a person turns loose [of]—“Oh, it's all about me. It's all about me”—it's hard for him to give himself to the degree where he becomes the servant, and not the kind of servant who wants the exaltation. For there's a place of surrender in Me, a place that I can use you in everything that I have and am.