



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

**WorshipperWarrior:
David's Resume III
"The Presence of God"
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Everyone stand now and hold up your Bible...

**PP: *God can move mountains in my life
I will build up my faith with God's Holy Word
I will come alive in the power of the Holy Spirit
With Jesus, nothing will be impossible***

David had a spiritual resume; We all have a Spiritual Resume

- 1) At 13 years of age, David had developed a Skill.** Last week we looked at the importance of developing a skill. David had developed a skill; he had put in the training, the focused practice, and an intentionality to his work that men noticed.
 - David is noticed by men for his skill, but he is invited up because of the presence of God over his life: what we do in private, opens doors in public
- 2) Worshipper.** David's skill on the harp was developed because he was a worshipper before God
 - David's secret history of worship before God is opening doors for him the public arena. He is only 13 years old!

1 Samuel 16:23

Saul has become a demonized king, distressed over his job, overwhelmed from fear. David, skilled with a harp and Spirit empowered by the presence of God

- They don't know it, but the world of art, the world of media, the world of government is longing for "Kingdom Carriers"
- Our world is always searching for people who manifest the righteousness, peace, and joy of the kingdom of God and possess a skill. Imagine the impact on Hollywood if we had creatives who walk

in the presence of God while working in a secular production company?

Look at this, David is noticed by men for his skill, but he is elevated by God because of the Presence! People can see it and feel it—they don't know what it is, but they sense it

The inward time of being in the presence behind closed doors prepares the leader for the open doors God will provide

3) David brought the Presence of God that Breaks Heaviness. David, at 13 years of age, through worship had presence.

- People want to be around it
- People can sense it and feel it
- Worship brings the Presence of God
- Worship brings the kingdom of God. We pray “They kingdom come”
- When the kingdom of God comes, it drives off evil spirits!

Presence of God in Worship drives off Darkness, Demons, and Despair.

- David plays on his harp and notice what is says in vs. 23
- Saul gets refreshed and the distressing spirit leaves him!
- When you worship, when you praise the Lord, the heaviness of this world can be lifted off of us
- How many of you know that you that the ways and activities of this world bring heaviness?
- David is driving off darkness, demons, and despair over Saul through worship

Isa 61:1-3

- Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God and He began His public ministry announcing Isaiah 61 as His mission statement

- The oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness
- There it is again!! A “spirit of heaviness”. It’s a spirit. It’s of this world; it’s often demonic
- We put on the “garment of praise” and it breaks the power of the spirit of heaviness

The Presence of God drives off demons, despair, and depression because Praise lines us up with the Kingdom of God

- David would not have understood it in his dispensation, but the book of Revelation gives us a powerful glimpse into what happens when we choose praise and worship in our lives
- Praise takes us from our early reality into a heavenly, Kingdom reality. When we praise God we are lining ourselves up and calling down the Kingdom of God

Praise in its essence is “the adoration of God. Praise is always active, assertive, demonstrative, and open...Wherever it is mentioned, movement, action, sounds, and songs are seen and heard.” (Jack Taylor)

- Biblical praise involves bodily demonstration: raising hands, shouting, kneeling, proclamation, and singing

Turn to Revelation 4

John on Patmos

- Rev. 1:9 John is on the island for his testimony of Christ...
- Persecution all over the Roman Empire. All his friends are dead or in hiding...
- If ever there was a time to be depressed, lonely, discouraged, this is it...

- Then, John has a vision of Christ, but this is not the Christ that he had seen on earth. This is no lowly, meek, mild Jesus, this is an imposing figure with a voice like a hundred cascading waterfalls.
- His eyes are flashing fire! His words like a sharp sword. He is dressed in a royal robe with a golden sash about his chest. His hair is white, and his face shone like the sun!
- In this setting, this vision, Jesus Christ shows John his interests, his plans, and his power...in the midst of, what appears to be, a hopeless situation
- In Revelation 1-3, God shows John his perspective on the churches. In chapter 4 he shows John his perspective in heaven!!

4:1 Two Realms of Reality

- Revelation 4:1 John has an open door into heaven
- All of us are faced with two realms of reality
- We have the realm of reality on earth: troubles, hopeless situations, economic woes, hassles within and without...
- But there is another realm: Spiritual Realm of Reality : This is heaven! This true reality. This is the invisible and it is real. The unseen actually is controlling the seen!

4:2 The Occupied Throne

- The first glimpse of heaven is an occupied throne!
- Jesus Christ is King!
- What do you think of when you hear the word “throne?”
- Control, of rule, of authority, of power

- We have the two realities reversed! The powers of this world do not hold the balance of authority in this universe. There is control in heaven. This control is in the throne room of the universe
- Illustration: In Yokosuka, Japan, getting a tour from the commander of a battleship. Going into the control room...
- This throne is not unoccupied. Some might wish that the throne were “up for grabs.” But it is not! The sovereign Lord of the universe is on the throne!

4:3-11 God’s Living Room

- John just walked into God’s living room and it is a continuous, loud, praise and worship service!
- The perspective of praise all starts here! The perspective is the throne of God. The Lord reigns!
- This is the foundation and fountainhead of all study and understanding of praise and worship: The Lord reigns.
- Praise and worship is where God lives
- Illustration: My home and comfort level...God’s home is where he is most comfortable and enjoys himself...
- Vs. 10 Worship-proskuneo “toward, kiss” meaning to prostrate oneself, bow down, do homage, show reverence, adore. (Spirit Filled Life Bible) Homage rendered to God as King. In ancient times, the servant, upon entering the King’s presence, would bow down and kiss the feet of the King.
- God loves praise and worship. He is at home with praise and worship. God loves to “inhabit the praises of his people”
- Praise releases the presence of God
- Praise releases the reign and power of God

- Praise opens up the door into the 4th dimension of the Kingdom of God and where the presence comes, demons flee!
- As the worship team comes up, turn to Psalm 67

Psalm 67

Praise Releases Prosperity over your Life!

Declarations:

When I praise the Lord, I am lining myself up with the kingdom of God

When I praise the Lord, I am glorifying God

When I praise the Lord, God is releasing blessing over my life

When I praise the Lord, the presence of God will drive off despair

When I praise the Lord, God will release joy over my life

When I praise the Lord, I'm entering God's living room