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Kimble Love. We’re going to have an awesome night. We’re going to worship and praise and see what the Lord is going to do. I’m so thankful that he is for us and not against us. I’m thankful that he is revealing himself to us more and more each and every day as we draw closer and closer to him.

Father, we gather here tonight to worship you, to seek your face, to hear your voice. Father, I thank you for the rain that you’ve sent upon the land. Lord you know better than we do and we know that your ways are higher than our ways. So Lord, we lean not on our own understanding but we put our faith, our hope, our trust in you.

I thank you that you are moving on our behalf, that you have things going on behind the scenes in the spirit realm that are about to overtake us. So Father, we yield to you. We submit to your Lordship, your authority. We yearn to walk in the fullness of sonship, to receive the fullness of heaven upon our lives, to go forth and advance your kingdom and turn this world upside down for your glory.

And Father, I pray right now for this city of Hattiesburg, for the state of Mississippi, for the United States of America. I come against the spirit of division and we take authority over it in the name of Jesus. I declare that all divisive actions are torn down, destroyed and defeated. And Lord, that your truth arises and heals this nation, heals our land, heals our hearts, delivers your people and sets the captives free.

Father, we praise you and we thank you in advance for what you are doing and what you are about to do. We declare that your truth is still marching on. Have your way tonight, Lord, in Jesus name. Amen. Amen.

Shofar

🎶I hear a generation declare he is faithful, he is glorious, he is Jesus. All my hope is in him. He is freedom, healing right now, hope and joy and love and peace and life.

He has paid the highest price. He has proven his great love for us. We will praise him with our lives and proclaim our love for him. We proclaim our love for you.

No one else can love you like I love you Lord. I was made to bring you joy. Now I have a purpose, a destiny. You made me for your glory. I was made for love, for loving you.

There’s no end to the affection. No end. No end in sight. You have for me. No end.

We’ve come to love you Lord and to give you praise.

Go down deep. Let your love go down deep, deep within me.

Betty. Last night I had the opportunity to talk with a prophet that I trust. As we were praying together she saw in the spirit Miracle City. She saw us as an incubator, as a greenhouse, and began to speak some of the words that have come out of this house. She said, I see the building bulging. It’s going in and out. It’s the heartbeat of God. It’s his fullness, his heartbeat. And it is bulging. She said, It’s going down down down down into the earth. Sound, worship, praise, his heartbeat. Heartbeat of heaven.

🎶It’s the sound of worship. It’s the sound of praise. Heaven’s heartbeat coming out of this place.

Betty. It was displacing the things that were stored in the land, the ungodly structures, even demonic strongholds and spirits. It was having a cause and effect 2345 because it was going into the earth. The worship, the sound, the heartbeat of God was going down, penetrating the earth, the land, and displacing and routing out, rooting out, what has held the land in captivity.

Father, in this place tonight, we just stand on behalf of the land. Where things have come in to suck out the resources, to create poverty, where the land groans because of idolatry, because of innocent bloodshed, because of broken covenants, immorality, rebellion, what has brought defilement to the land because of sin. We’ve come to take it back. We’ve come to take it back. High praises of God in our mouths. And a two edged sword. This is your house. This is your house, your place, your land.

We decree and declare it now. Heartbeat of heaven. Breath of heaven. Heartbeat of God come.

🎶Release your heartbeat out of this place, coming with grace. Worship is my warfare. My praise is my weapon. Praise is a weapon.

Hear the sound. Hear the sound of the instruments.

There’s an army rising up. Break every chain.

There’s power in the name of Jesus to break every chain.

Chains are broken. Scales are on the floor. Truth is spoken. I’m no orphan anymore.

Heaven’s gates swing wide tonight.

Go throughout this land, this place, God, and break every chain.

Ain’t no grave, no chain gonna hold my body down. Coming off by the sound.

He’s raising up righteousness in our land. He’s raising us up tonight.

He’s driving out the enemy with the sound of his heartbeat.

Your heart beats with the rhythm of life and it brings us back into time.

Faithful you are. Faithful forever you will be. All your promises are yes and amen.

You set this captive free and I can’t help but sing.

I will rest in your promises. My confidence is in your faithfulness.

Father we have come to bow down in worship, in praise. Hallelujah. Lover of my soul.

You’re our one desire. With all of heaven we are singing.

All the angels cry out, Holy is the Lord God. All the earth replies, Holy are You.

There is no one like you, worthy of all our praise. Holy Holy Holy are you. Be enthroned on our praise Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Master. Savior. Jesus. He is high and lifted up.

Angels cry, Holy, Holy is the Lord. And the earth replies, Holy, Holy is the Lord.

Holy and worthy and righteous you are. Faithful, Yeshua, you are Adonai. Perfect.

Calling all angels, calling the watchmen angels on the wall, come and sing with us.

Betty. Father, we honor you, Lord God Almighty, Yahweh, Adonai Elohim. We honor you, Yeshua Hamashiach, your glory and your presence. Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We honor your presence Father. We acknowledge that this is your house Lord. We are your people. We acknowledge heaven and the sounds and the angelic host that you have released into this place, into this land. We come into agreement with your heart, with the assignments that you have ordained, on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord we thank you that you inhabit and have enthroned yourself on our praises tonight. Praise has been plowing, plowing us, plowing circumstances and situations, plowing the enemy. Sounds and songs bringing deliverance, bringing healing.

Father, I thank you for your word tonight. Holy Spirit, Revelator, come and carry us. We thank you Lord for this revelatory environment. That every heart is prepared to receive your word, that it goes forth and completes the assignment you have given it to do. Not only in us Lord but in the land and the atmosphere, on earth as it is in heaven. And Lord we say Yes and Amen. I thank you for the blood of Jesus Christ that is speaking over us, speaking over the land, covering us in this place. That indeed Lord you are a wall of fire round about us and that your glory is here. We honor you. We honor your presence, your word, and your power in this place in Jesus name. Amen.

Judah Plows. In the early 90s He showed me that Judah plows. Praise plows. He began to give me a teaching on that. People have asked me what I see in Hosea 10:11. Yesterday someone asked me if I could explain that. It being the season we are in and knowing that regionally Dutch Sheets and Chuck Pierce are going to be moving throughout the nation plowing, it’s about rooting out the things in our lives personally, our families, in our territories, tents and treasuries, generationally—what has been blocking or holding up God’s plan and purpose. It’s harvest. We’re in a harvest year.

I’ve heard Dutch Sheets teach three times on ‘It is written,’ and creating with the Word of God. Chuck spoke on this being a year to plow.

I know that we plow with praise. It’s a weapon. Worship is a weapon. We also plow with the Word. You plow with praise.

I want to thank the Lord for what he released last Wednesday night, what he released Sunday and what he’s doing, the healings that are taking place , the revelation, the mobilization of the army. We’re in a Launch season.

One of the things the Lord was speaking last Wednesday night was that he wants you to know how to be you in time, who he created you to be.

When we talk about praise plowing, it’s connected to Hosea 10:11. What time is it?

Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh. So I will put a yoke on her fair neck. I will drive Ephraim. Judah must plow. And Jacob must break up the ground.

Judgment was coming against the tribes of Israel because of idolatry and whoredom. All throughout Hosea is a picture of idolatry and whoredom, prostitution. The nation of Israel is not being faithful to the Lord.

When I look at this: a heifer is a 2-3 year old female cow or ox. Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh. Anna saw that the threshing floor is round. The heifer loves to thresh because it is going around the threshing floor and it is eating the corn as it threshes. It’s not a bad thing for Ephraim because they’re getting rewarded the whole time they’re threshing.

The Lord says, I’m going to put a yoke on her fair neck and I’m going to drive Ephraim. Ephraim, get ready. You’re about to do something you don’t normally do. Normally you are threshing out the grain, but now I’m going to use you as a plow instrument. I’m going to drive you. Jesus said when you put your hand to the plow, keep it there and keep moving.

We’re in a season of Amos 9:13 where the plowman is going to overtake the reaper. We’re in a harvest and multiplication season. I’m not missing in this year what God is doing just to get to next year. People are already talking about the Roaring 20s and what we’re going to hit when we get there. But I don’t want to miss anything that God is doing in this season, because if we miss what he wants to do right now, we’re not going to be ready when we get there. We’re not going to be in time.

Anna says we’re going to be wondering what time it is.

The Lord is resetting our time and recalibrating us in this new era. And he is bringing a fresh mantle of his apostolic prophetic anointing. You’re going to see the apostolic and prophetic anointing come into maturity in us in a way we’ve not experienced before. You can expect the six dimensions of the prophetic anointing to come in this house. From the prophet and the prophetic anointing that bubbles up in you like a river to the seer prophetic gifting. The fullness is coming.

Judah, Praise, plows and Jacob must break up the ground. I saw a prophetic picture here. The Lord revealed this to me and I saw it in inverted form. I’ve taught this from the bottom to the top. When you think about Jacob, you think about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Covenant. Because of the blood of the Covenant, because we’re in covenant relationship with God, Jacob has power and authority and birthright to be able to break open the ground. God is all about the land.

One of the words the Lord personally gave me this morning was a word about the land. He is ready, not for you just to glean, but to possess your inheritance, to possess the land. In the midst of prayer the Lord said to me, “Golan Heights, Betty. There is something in the Golan Heights for you.” I began to research the Golan Heights. He said, “It has been a disputed land. The enemy trafficks in land disputes to rob the righteous. But I am giving you the land, even as Joshua and Caleb. Lead my people into their possession. You are sent to recover lost inheritances, simultaneous, instant, instantaneous, like it never happened, like it was never lost.”

Then he said something really strange. God always has a reason for saying what he’s saying. One of the takeaways I see is that any place the Lord has been disputing land, fighting with you over your land, he is going to deal with it.

The Golan Heights are located on Mt. Hermon. It is the highest point in the region. Originally the land belonged to Israel. It was their land, but there has been a war over the Golan Heights forever. They took it back in 1967. It is a place of strategic effectiveness. In the Golan Heights on Mt. Hermon in different places there is an early warning system station that alerts Israel if their enemies are tying to attack them. If someone possesses the Golan Heights, because it’s one of the highest points, they have a bird’s eye view into the land of Israel and it is a strategic place where the enemy can do much harm to them.

They have fought to maintain the land as much of the world, even the United Nations, back in the 40s, 60s, and on, didn’t even acknowledge that the land belonged to Israel. God has written it in His Word what land belongs to the nation of Israel. God has given it to them. He is the Creator of heaven and earth. We honor Israel and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They are in covenant with God and the Church hasn’t replaced Israel. We’ve been engrafted in. So we honor.

And thank God for a president who is bold enough to acknowledge that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. And it’s the truth. Who are the nations of this world that they would not acknowledge another nation’s capital? They wouldn’t stand for it if that was their country. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Yeshua, we honor Israel.

He said, “The Jewish security system depends on its retention of military control over the Golan Heights.” Even as they talked about demilitarizing that place, they said there would be no compromise about the water. Water is a costly thing. Who controls the water has power.

I looked at the Golan Heights and I saw this strategic place. What the Lord began to speak to me is, “I’m ready to give you, restore to you your land. And any place that the enemy has disputed the land or disputed your inheritance, I’m going to give it back.”

You weight this. I looked at this because he never says something for nothing. He said, “I am wicking out the wickedness. I am dealing with wickedness. Look it up.” If you don’t know what wicking is, there are clothes, especially Columbia fishing shirts that are known for wicking out moisture.

Moisture-wicking material. If it is moisture-wicking, it’s going to quickly remove sweat or whatever is coming into contact with that material away from your body. Not only that, it’s going to dry very rapidly so the liquid/moisture doesn’t saturate your body. It immediately moves it away.

For the Lord to say he is wicking out wickedness, that means he is going to remove it from your body. He’s going to remove it from places. “I am wicking out wickedness.” Wickedness is something that has caused pain, turmoil. It can be evil, moral evil, something that’s bad, the list goes on and on when you look up wickedness.

There are also things listed in Ephesians 6. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities, powers of darkness and spirits of wickedness in high places. If he is wicking out wickedness, he is removing it from us. He is removing it from his body. It’s going to affect the heavenly realm and our natural realm. He is doing a work because he is ready to bring you into your inheritance.

One of the greatest weapons of you and me possessing our land is through worship and praise. The Word of God says in John 4 that the Father is seeking worshipers who will worship in spirit and in truth.

Covenant is going to break open the ground. Praise is going to plow it. And the Lord has the reins. If God is at the reins, if he is driving the plow, you’re going to have double fruit. Double for your trouble.

Genesis 41:51-52. Joseph named his first-born Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” The second son he named Ephraim and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

Ephraim means fruitful. It is double fruit. Double Fruitfulness. To be fruitful and multiply. The second son of Joseph. Ephraim gets the redemptive plan of Joseph rather than Manasseh. What is the plan for Joseph?

Genesis 49:22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a wall (a vine) whose branches run over the wall.

Deuteronomy 33:17 His glory is like a firstborn bull and his horns like the horns of a wild ox. Together with them he shall push the peoples to the ends of the earth. They are the ten thousands of Ephraim. It’s double fruit. The inheritance of Joseph goes to Ephraim. It’s about inheritance.

Judah plows. Praise plows. Praise plows you first. Why? The Word of God says, He inhabits the praises of his people. When we open our mouths and begin to praise God, he manifests his presence. And in the presence of the Lord is fullness of joy. In the presence of the Lord is healing. In the presence of the Lord is where we get transformed from glory to glory. You can’t stay in the presence of the Lord and not be changed.

The first thing praise is going to do is plow you. It is going to break open the places in your heart and my heart that need to be opened. You get somebody in the atmosphere, it will cut through the stuff. Hearts melt like wax in the presence of the Lord. It says the mountains melt like wax. So I believe that as you are in his presence, whatever has resisted, whatever has been holding you, if you stay there long enough and just keep praising, you’re going to have a breakthrough.

Praise plows the enemy. Psalm 149:6. Let the high praises of God by in your mouth and a two-edged sword in your hand; to execute vengeance on the enemy and the judgment written. Praise plows your enemies.

Psalm 8:2. The Lord has ordained praise in the mouth of infants and children to silence the foe and the avenger. Praise will shut the mouth of your enemies. He comes, but where the Lord is manifested Satan will not stay. Demons will flee. They cannot stay in the presence of the Lord. Praise plows the enemy.

II Peter 1:9 We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. I believe that when we open up our mouths and we begin to declare the praises of God, our praise is a weapon. Why? Because he says, I will bend Judah as I bend my battle bow and fill it with Ephraim.

You and I can stay right here in this place and we can send forth praise. As I conversed with my friend last night, the things she saw over this area and the territory, how the praise and the Word coming out of this place was affecting the land and the atmosphere and the region. She began to talk about the sound that was coming out of here. It’s the sound. It’s the sound of the instruments. It’s the sound of the voices. It’s your sound that’s mixing together with my sound and it’s His sound coming out of us. And coming into a harmonic that is breaking through the atmosphere.

II Chronicles 20:1. After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

This was not a good thing. The Ammonites were fierce warriors. When they came into a place they practiced a scorched-earth policy. When they captured you, the first thing they did was gouge out your right eye. They came to take your vision and destroy your land. They were a vast army.

Israel was nothing compared to these three groups of people that were bearing down. If the Word of God says it’s a vast army, then it’s a vast army.

:2 Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, ‘A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar’ (that is, En Gedi).

Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord. This is good. When you inquire of the Lord it’s a form of worship. We need to understand, when it is serious, when we’re on fire—stop, drop and roll. You need to roll that thing over on the Lord. You need to inquire of him. I think sometimes we want to go out here when we need to be saying, Oh God.

So he inquired and proclaimed a fast for all of Judah. We know that Judah means praise.

So for all the people in the land of Praise, the tribe of Judah, there was a fast. We’re in a fast right now. We’re in a fast that the resistance be taken out of us. And anything that is affecting our territories, tents or treasuries, we want the resistance removed. What has been sucking the finances and sucking the prosperity out of Hattiesburg, Mississippi? I want to see what it is.

The prophet last night said, ‘You’re going to see what has been syphoning off and drawing out the resources of the land. God’s going to give it to you.’

We are fasting so that he will separate us. Let him wick the wickedness out of us.

So they proclaimed a fast.

:4 The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. Because this army is already moving. They are already mobilized. They are on the way and their reputation precedes them.

:5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard and said: ‘Lord, the God of our ancestors,’

Now this is key. That’s Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He’s brought this up for a reason because when you say that, you are reminding him, We are in covenant with you. covenant is everything. Because you have a covenant root in Abraham through Christ Jesus, God has ordained that you prosper and be victorious.

‘Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it for ever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

Didn’t I say the Golan Heights belong to Israel? That’s enough right there.

:8 They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, “If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.”

That is a decree. So they have assembled. All of them have come from the surrounding towns to come to the temple to stand in the presence of the Lord and cry out.

:10 ‘But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Most Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; (God told them to keep going) so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance.

Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.’

This is one of the key scriptures for you and me. You want to find scriptures you can stand on and say to the Lord. They said, ‘We don’t know what to do, but our eyes are on you.’ We’re saying, We have no clue but we know who you are. We know we’re in covenant with you. We know you can stop this, so we’re looking to you. This is your deal.

:13 All the men of Judah with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord. Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

:15 He said: ‘Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem. This is what the Lord says to you: “Do not be afraid or discouraged.”

I want to say this to you. One of the things that the enemy does over and over and over to try to keep you from entering into your vision or possessing your land, is bring fear and discouragement.

He says, “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s. Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel.

You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.”

You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions. Stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord your God will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow. He repeats, Do not be afraid or discouraged. At the end of Deuteronomy, Moses says to Joshua, Be not afraid; be not discouraged. Then when you read the first chapter of Joshua he says it three times. Because that’s the scheme of the enemy, to strike fear and discouragement in our hearts.

But what does God say? I’ve crowned you with a crown of beauty instead of ashes. Where you feel worthless and the enemy is screaming inadequacy, just put on that crown of beauty. Be anointed with the oil of gladness and put on the garment of praise instead of a spirit of heaviness. Because we’ve got this.

The thing is, in this season where we are, don’t you retreat from the enemy. This is a time to face down the enemy. Face down the storm. Face down the enemy. Do not turn; face down the enemy because there are more with us than with them. Sunday in here and even tonight, there were angels all in this place.

In my prayer time this morning, I shut myself in the office and began to decree and declare the Word over all of us. One of the things I did in prayer was invite Jehovah Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts, to come into the land. I welcomed the Lord of Hosts into our lives. I welcomed him into Miracle City Global, into Hattiesburg, Mississippi, into our territory and our region. Why? Because we’re going to take the land.

When Joshua took the land, the Captain of the Lord’s Host came. So they’re here to help us.

:18 Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord.

I remember one of the first times I heard Ray Hughes teach, he talked about when you bow down, when you put your head down to the floor, and your head comes below your heart, you are lifting your heart up to the Lord. You are putting your heart above your head. And it is a powerful thing when it’s the real deal. It’s worship. So the king and everyone else bows down. They put their head below their heart because they are lifting their hearts to the Lord.

:19 Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, (the king has a word) ‘Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem. Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.’

The word, Have faith in the Lord your God; have faith in the word of the prophets, and you will go over. You get a true word from a prophetic voice, whether it’s to you from the Lord or from someone and it’s the real deal, it has power to take you over, to put you over. It will cause you to be successful.

:21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: ‘Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.’ Ten words. Ten words.

When we were in Ellisville at New Covenant someone was asked if they went to one of those 7/11 churches. You sing seven words eleven times over and over. It’s a kingdom principle. ‘Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.’

If it has the power to do what the scripture says it did, and it’s recorded, I’ll sing 7/11 all day long and take it to the bank.

:22 As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

That’s pretty good. Do you think there was pandemonium? Do you think there was chaos? Obviously so. The enemy had wanted to strike fear in the hearts of Israel but God turned it on the enemy. Backfire. Backfire.

:24 When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked towards the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. It would be like us taking the entire worship team and every singer and putting them out front.

:25 So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it.

It’s not ok for us just to have victory over the enemy, the Lord wants us to plunder the enemy and take the spoils. If we’re in a war season, there ought to be a reward at the end of the war. It ought to be that we get the stuff back. And they did. It was so much that it took three days to collect it.

:26 On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the Lord. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day. Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem,

Do you think there was joy in the camp? Do you think they talked about those ten words? And all that army was defeated. Do you think that built faith in them? Praise plowed and plundered their enemy. It will plow and plunder.

for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the Lord with harps and lyres and trumpets.

Praise plows your situations and circumstances. Psalm 50:23. It doesn’t matter where we find ourselves, or what we’re facing, if you will open up your mouth and praise God anyway. He who offers up sacrifices of thanksgiving honors me, says the Lord, and prepares the way that I may show him the salvation of God. That is not just new birth. It is deliverance. It is deliverance from national calamity, from natural disasters. It encompasses all that salvation is. It is healing. It is whatever you need.

But when you offer up a sacrifice, a sacrifice is where you are laying your life down. You don’t feel like praising. I’ve praised the Lord many a time when I didn’t feel like it and seen him come and fill me up and strengthen me and get me up again, when my body is weak. When I’ve been sick in my body.

Praise plows your situations and circumstances. Have a conversation with Jonah. We know he was running from God. Big mistake because you can’t outrun him. Jonah finds himself thrown off the boat into the storm, into waters. The great fish that swallowed him actually became an incubator place for Jonah to get it together. Otherwise he would have drowned in the sea. I don’t know what it was like to be in the belly of the fish, but I do not believe this is a myth or fairytale. I believe it actually happened because the scripture says so.

Jonah 2. From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said, ‘In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

I said, “I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again towards your holy temple.” Remember the deal with Jehoshaphat with the children of Israel. If you face calamity, if you face a situation, if you will come and stand and face the temple—because the temple represented his presence. God lives in us. We are the temple now. So when you begin to worship him and to seek him, he begins to fill the house up with his presence. And presence himself among you.

He says, Yet I will look again. Even in this place of death, I’m going to look towards your holy temple.

:5 The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit.

:7 When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

Sometimes, unfortunately, we get to the brink where our life is ebbing away. I don’t believe he ever wants us to get there. But may times it happens.

:8 Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.

Some translations say, forfeit the grace that is theirs. I like that even better. To forfeit grace, God’s unmerited favor—his supernatural ability in you and me to enable us to do what we can’t do, to come through.

:9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise, (praise plows your circumstances) will sacrifice to you.

He who offers up sacrifices of thanksgiving of praise honors me and prepares the way that I may show him the salvation of God.

What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, “Salvation comes from the Lord.” And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Like Jeffrey Brady said years ago when I asked what the fish was to Jonah, he said, It was his ride. A six year old. It was his ride. Praise plows your situations and your circumstances.

Praise plows your atmosphere and your circumstances. Paul and Silas in Acts 16:25. You know the story. They got thrown in prison. They got beaten and put in chains. I’m sure everybody heard about them. Probably heard them ‘getting it.’ And then they get chained in the prison. Instead of moaning and groaning and being angry at God, they begin to sing hymns and praises. The begin to praise. Praise is a weapon.

What happened? There was an earthquake. The chains broke loose. The doors of the prison sprung open. And not only did their chains break loose, but chains were broken off all the other prisoners.

See, your praise is going to plow the atmosphere. When people come into this place and you’re praising God, they might be bound up with stuff. But if you’ll just keep praising, not only is your praise going to affect you, it’s going to affect someone else and set the captive free.

Acts 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Don’t you think they thought it was a novelty? What in the world are they singing about? Didn’t they just get nearly beat to death?

:26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake, that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Now that’s what I’m talking about.

Lord, consider the threats of our enemies and enable your servants to speak your words with great boldness. Stretch forth your hand to heal and to perform signs, wonders and miracles in the name of your holy servant, Jesus. And when they prayed that, the house where they were was shaken.

Your praise will shake the foundation of prisons and set the captive free.

:26 At once all the prison doors flew open and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, ‘Don’t harm yourself. We are all here.’

:29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’

There was a point to the song. There was a point to the deliverance. Because God was bringing salvation to the jailer and his whole house. And the people in that prison. Praise is a weapon. It will plow the atmosphere. It will plow the enemy. It will plow people. It will plow you. It will plow circumstances and situations to bring his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

:31 They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.’ Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household. What price tag can you put on a soul?

Praise plows your land. Praise plows the atmosphere. It will cause earthquakes. It will change the landscape.

Zechariah 9:13 I will bend Judah as I bend my battle bow and fill it with Ephraim. That is double fruit. I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and make you like a warrior’s sword.

Worship, Word, Works

Let the high praises of God be in your mouth and a two-edged sword in your hand. Psalm 149:6.

Key Scripture: Luke 21:15 I will give you a mouth and wisdom that your opposers shall not be able to refute or resist.

Sow to yourself in righteousness. Reap according to mercy. Break up your fallow ground. For it is time to seek the Lord.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. II Corinthians 5:21.

I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Sow for yourselves righteousness. Righteousness exalts a city. Righteousness exalts a nation. We can sow righteousness into our territories. Even as we sing, even as we worship, right now I release the righteousness of my God in Christ Jesus into this land, into this city. What does it do? It brings it to true plumb. Not our righteousness. It’s the righteousness of the Lord.

When I put on the seven pieces of the armor this morning and prayed it on all of us—Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, all those pieces, the Lord showed me there were seven pieces and just like the seven-fold Spirit of Jehovah, the seven parts of the armor go with the musical scale.

The Lord said to me, Kimberley, Anna, musicians, you need to work the scales more. Even the pieces of the armor match the scale. The seven-fold Spirit of Jehovah matches the scale. When you are playing the scales and releasing those sounds in the different octaves, it is working and releasing sound in the atmosphere, that it plows it.

You’d be amazed at what I’m finding. I’m a decree-er of the Word, of ‘It is written,’ but you’d be amazed at what I’ve seen in just the last two weeks from just declaring the Word. It doesn’t have to be a whole book. You might have time for just portions of scripture when you’re driving. But I’m getting revelation. Revelation. How many years since the 80s when I learned about the armor? I’ve been putting it on since then. Every day I put on the armor of God.

But just today I saw that the armor matches the scale on the keyboard. The sound. Truth has a sound. Righteousness has a sound. Shalom has a sound. Faith has a sound. Salvation has a sound. The Sword of the Spirit has a sound. And probably songs to go with them.

Sow for yourself righteousness and you will reap mercy, or unfailing love. Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord until he comes and rains righteousness on you. It is time to seek the Lord that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

He was pouring out in this place Sunday. It was raining in here. Jesus was washing us. Angels were pouring out and moving in here. There was stirring of healing waters. It was the most amazing, awesome presence of God. And we’ve just gotten here.

So I’m all into, What time is it? It’s time to seek the Lord until he comes and rains righteousness on us. Look in Proverbs 10, all he says about the righteous and the blessing. Look up all the scriptures on righteousness. It’s a long list.

Father, we honor you. We thank you for the power of praise. That it is a weapon. And that in this season, praise is plowing. It’s plowing us. It’s plowing the atmosphere. It’s plowing our enemies. And our enemies are your enemies, and your enemies are our enemies. So it is plowing our enemies. You have ordained praise. It is plowing the atmosphere. It is plowing and affecting the land. And Lord we give you glory.

Father, I thank you for a fresh garment of praise coming upon the people of God tonight. Praise. Crown of beauty instead of ashes. The oil of gladness instead of mourning. The garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. Because we love righteousness and hate wickedness, I thank you that you have set us above our companions by anointing us with the oil of gladness.

So Father, I thank you that you cause the high praises of God to be in our mouth and a two-edged sword in our hand to execute vengeance on the enemy and the judgment written.

I bless you in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Let the light of your face shine upon this congregation, Lord, upon this city, upon this state, upon your people, on earth as it is in heaven, in Jesus name. Yay God. Thank you for coming.