

Journey to New Discoveries Part 12: Sound and Song

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God is not interested in the way that the world thinks about and does music. God gave music to mankind to glorify Him. He gave abilities to glorify Him so that men and women may minister to Him and be blessed in their spirit life. But men took music to glorify themselves and glorify one another, to worship themselves and worship each other.

Music of the Lord and music in the church is not for entertainment. Music in His Church is not for having a good interactive soul experience with your emotions and your intellect and just having a good interactive soul experience.

John chapter four, when Jesus spoke to the woman at the well - we must worship Him in spirit, and in truth. God is seeking such to worship Him. God is a Spirit and those who worship Him, are to worship Him in spirit.

Music in His church is not a time filler before preaching so people can come in late. It is not for putting on display talent like the world does. Pastor John said, you bring your gift not in personality and not in performance, but in the power of God.

The Church has adopted a popular culture mindset when it comes to music. Their approach to music in the church is the same as their approach in the world to music. What's selling? What's popular?

God gave music to mankind to bless, to minister to Him, to glorify Him with it. It was given to man to experience life and light and love. Satan has used music to destroy millions of lives. He has used the power that God gave music to draw men to himself. Satan has perverted it to spiral men and women into bondage with words and sounds over and over again

You might say, "Well, I like a good tune and a good song and it's not necessarily bad words." Well, you develop a casual attitude to music then. Then you bring that into the church where you do not reverence the purpose and the plan of God for music ministry.

There's a pressure right now, said Pastor John, that we must apply for inheritance, of occupation in the spirit, and one of them is music ministry, to occupy for Him and to evict illegal occupants. God says, the power of Babylon music has fallen. It will never rise again. They will still play, but now the Lord occupies the spirit realm." The Lord God Almighty, His sound of music will now be heard in the spirit realm.

How do we occupy? You listen to what the Holy Spirit says and then you do that. *God wants us to occupy those spaces, and I wrote here; music, song and sound. God wants us to take back spaces taken up by illegal occupants – by the demonic and the soulish realms. We know that God has given us the music realm to inherit.*

Babylon, the sound of Babylon has fallen. ²¹ Then a single powerful angel took up a boulder like a great millstone and flung it into the sea, crying, With such violence shall Babylon the great city be hurled down to destruction and shall never again be found. ²² And the sound of harpists and

minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall never again be heard in you, and no skilled artisan of any craft shall ever again be found in you, and the sound of the millstone shall never again be heard in you. (Revelation 18:21-22 AMPC)

Babylon is the world system. It's falling all around us right now. God's Church is rising up. Babylon means, *gate of gods*. It's where satan, principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, spiritual principalities, rulers of wickedness in the heavenly places; gate of gods, that's where they're permitted to operate. Babylon is *devoted to materialism*, spiritually speaking, *sensual pleasure, desire for fame, and noted for wickedness*. It oppresses God's people, it has no regard for God's commandments, it comes into the Lord's house to defile it.

Babylon conquers spiritually, and literally. Her spiritual warfare with the one true God is expressed in her earthly actions of making war on God and against His people and directly against His house. And Jesus says, "Come out of her, My people, come out of her." She is rooted in pride. She is faithful to her own false gods, her institutions, and is the chief evangelist where false religion and spiritual deception is concerned.

The Lord wanted me to share with you today Pastor John's calling and my calling and how they flow together for God as we're obedient to Him, that God can occupy the spirit realm dimensions.

Pastor John's apostolic call is to occupy geographically, spiritually and relationally. The word *apostoles* means *an admiral on a ship with a crew, going to a specific region, backed by their country that's sending them to go and occupy*. To occupy with the Word of God and the Spirit of God.

Pastor John has a part and I have a part and our parts are different. Pastor John and I do not bring our gifts to the Church in performance or personality, but in power, so that you can all flow with our gift. That is the purpose why Jesus gave gifts to men; is to bring His Church to maturity.

Jeremiah 1 - it's to root up, root out. That's his calling. It's to root out things, to pull down, to build and to plant. How does he do that? God gives him messages. Recognition of our gifts will enable you to flow with God and follow Him as we are flowing with Him.

Pastor Sharon has a powerful recurring dream that "Pastor John and I've had throughout our whole lives with him on my right, and me on my left, and he's pointing with his right, I'm pointing with my left and wherever we go, the works of darkness flee. It's a ruling, reigning victory for us and for God's Church. It's an occupying, it's a dominion. It's to restore back to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ their dominion and their authority over the devil.

How are you going to find out what that is? The Holy Spirit is going to show you and tell you because you have a relationship with Him. Because He is leading you and guiding you into all the truth. He is going to transmit, reveal, declare and disclose things to you.

When God called me, He said to me, "Mobilise My army." Brother Jerry said in his book - *No exceptions. God wants you in His army*. "And music ministry", the Lord said to me many years ago, "Is My preferred choice of My military division. He does military manoeuvres through music ministry. We just have to look at the life of Jehoshaphat.

Pastor John

James chapter 3:4 says ⁴ Likewise, look at the ships: though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the helmsman determines. So, you've got a big ship and it only takes a very small rudder to determine where it goes. ⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member, of your body and it can boast of great things. See how much wood or how great a forest a tiny spark can set ablaze! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. [The tongue is a] world of wickedness set among our members, contaminating and depraving the whole body and setting on fire the wheel of birth (the cycle of man's nature), being itself ignited by hell (Gehenna). ⁸ But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness! ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so. (James 3:4-10 AMPC)

We have the option to give our tongue, give our body, to the service of God. And the more we give our body to the service of God, the more we are able to be used by God and God's agenda gets fulfilled on the earth.

The good thing about the tongue, here is the good news, even though the tongue cannot be tamed by any man, it can be tamed by the Holy Spirit and by the Word of God. It can be controlled and managed and now when you sail on a ship, you determine the way that God wants you to go in it.