

# Joy and Praise Intensive Part 2

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This is our day of deliverance. That is what the Lord said, we are exactly here. Nehemiah chapter 8, this is exactly what came out of Pastor John for where we are.

*It is time now to declare everything in victory! It is a shift! A turning point happened. A spiritual knowing. It is like someone just arrived at a city full of wealth and productivity and it all belongs to them by inheritance! It is like in the upper room, they burst into the streets with Holy Ghost energy. Invigorated, infused completely by the Holy Spirit. Such was their exuberance. This precedes the miracles and the multitudes! There is a combination here. There is a voice for victory; a shout, a rejoice in the release. This is very important that we know there is a combination here because that is what we are going into in the teaching, the rejoicing, the joy. But there is still prayer to be made for the increase. There is a voice for victory; a shout. There is a rejoice in the release but there is still prayer to be made for the increase. For the strengthening of the hands of the people and the increase of the people. The knowing of this victory is so strong, a certainty. Now we are praying for the increase, the evidence, the size of it, the scope and scale of it. The increase of the manifestation and what that has to do with this victory.*

Please take note of these words, striking of the ground in prayer, rejoicing, praying, the shout. *We have had to push to get to this point. It has shifted now. It has been accomplished in the spirit.* That is for us personally and corporately.

*Now, the note of victory in our prayers. You have to shift the way you pray. This is the Day of Deliverance. It has come. It is here. It has arrived. It is so certain in me. This is the rejoicing... There is still praying to be done because there is still increase to come.*

We are in a season of continuous praise and rejoicing. We have to catch up quickly from when this first came because a lot of us still go to God crying when you're praying. And God says, "No, this is not the season we're in." We're in a season of continuous praise and rejoicing. Everyday praise and rejoicing.

Point: *Where are we now in this particular local church?* We've looked at Nehemiah chapter eight, our deliverance has come.

Point: *Joy of the Lord, teach.* The joy of the Lord is your strength. Joy is a Hebrew word - *chedvah*, it means *be glad, make yourself glad, and rejoice*. And the joy of the Lord, this word *the Lord* is Jehovah - the Self-existent one. So, the gladness, the rejoicing of the Self-existent One is my strength.

*Agalliao, Jesus agalliao, He jumped, He exalted. He rejoiced greatly. He experienced the state of great joy and gladness. It involved Jesus' verbal expression and appropriate movement, to be extremely joyful, to be overjoyed. To rejoice greatly.*

Isaiah 51:11 (KJV): <sup>1</sup> Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; (the church) and everlasting joy shall be upon their head. They shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. If you're redeemed, sorrow, and mourning, and

grieving, and crying, and sighing should be fled from you. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. If you're depressed it is because you're not resisting him. You're letting him into your head and therefore into your heart and you are succumbing, you are yielding to a spirit that is not of God. But you can resist the devil and he will flee. In this season of continuous rejoicing and joy, when you find yourself in sorrow and sadness, you say, "Flee from me in Jesus' name." You make the shift. If you do not, you will be weak. You can have all your days evil because of what you permit into your thought life. What you are meditating on. <sup>15</sup> All your days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:15 KJV)

Proverbs 15:15 NLT. You can choose what kind of a day you want to have every day.

1 Samuel 30:1-6: David encouraged himself if the Lord after the Amalekites invaded and took all the women and children. Cry your tears but get them over with, and move to encouraging yourself in the Lord. All things are subject to change through the power of God's Word and in Jesus' Name.

*Leaping*: David leapt, 2 Samuel 6:16 (KJV). He was leaping at the knowledge that the presence of God was there, the ark of the covenant was there, he could not help himself. And in Song of Solomon 2:8 Jesus comes leaping and skipping. God is rejoicing with joy over us with singing.

Point: Very important point, *Prayer - teach. Teach prayer.* Isaiah 56:7 (KJV), <sup>7</sup>even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: Here's what this word joyful means - *Samach*. I will make them *brighten up, be glad, cheered, merry, rejoice*. You have to let that joy arise when you're praying.

The basis of all prayer, this is what the Hebrew Rabbis say, is to allow the heart to find joy in God. The soul sunk in sadness and sorrow, and depression, and introspection have evil days. One scripture the Lord always uses with me, in Ecclesiastes 5, it says He meets you in joy.

Praise and rejoicing is prayer; coming to be in His presence is prayer; to declare and make your professions and to declare God's Word about your health, about your business, about your life - to declare is prayer. Asking is prayer, seeking is prayer, knocking is prayer. Our authority in prayer and our confidence in prayer is based on His invitation to come to pray and our revelation of our covenant rights

You ask Him and then you take it with your rejoicing and your praise. And you thank Him and you thank Him and you thank Him. You speak the Word, you speak the promise, you speak the promise you declare, you declare.

Point: *Abiding - How are you abiding?* If you're not, why are you hiding? <sup>24</sup> Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full (John 16: 24 KJV). Here is this point the Lord wanted me to say to you; Keep on keeping on, persistent, prevailing prayer. Our authority in prayer is based on His Word, what He has promised and our covenant rights. <sup>1</sup> Also [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray (Luke 18:1). And you must pray joyfully. <sup>8</sup> I tell you, He will defend and protect and avenge them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes (Luke 18: 6-8 AMPC) with the answer. He is coming because He wants to answer when He comes. It's not His second coming. When He comes. <sup>8</sup> ... will He find

[persistence in] faith on the earth? Will He find persistence? Will He find, or will He find fainting, turn coward?

So, holding up your covenant rights personally and our rights as a church together. The Lord says, "Striking in prayer gets complete landslide victory." Striking Prayer. God wants to see you striking. He wants to look at you in your shameless insistence and persistence and go, "That is a striking son of Mine." Besides the fact of striking, we strike something, it is striking to Him when we have a shameless persistent going to God on the basis of our covenant. Like in the events, He saw the Italian centurion and He said, "Wow, I haven't seen such faith in all of Israel." You don't think God doesn't go, "Wow that is striking? Wow, David, man after My own heart, you just went for it boy. He said to the Philistine: "I come to you in the Name of the Lord and in my covenant rights." And it says, he took Goliath's sword and he cut off his head.

2 Kings 13:14-21, I have to read this to you by instruction of the Lord because this was in Pastor John's revelation, "This is the striking of ground in prayer." The perfect scripture for striking the ground is 2 Kings 13. Striking praying, strike the ground, this is the striking of the ground in prayer. It is very striking to God when we keep striking.

For the rest of your life, you have to have an appetite for war, you have to have a strong overcoming spirit because you will have an enemy to overcome every day of your life for the rest of your life. You cannot be an overcomer and be sad about it and say: "I didn't ask for this war. I don't want this war". You're going to have to be spiritually strong if you're going to beat him. You cannot beat him with your soul. Impossible. You're going to have to fortify and edify like David. You're going to have to be persistent and insistent, shamelessly like those people Jesus was speaking about.

The Lord said to me, that's what's happening here in this church. The prophets that have gone before you, who had an appetite for war, who overcame, their spirit is come. Their spirit, we are all children of the prophets. We have a legacy coming to life in us. I'm touching my father's bones. I'm coming to life.

We are to have full recognition of the time that we are in; our deliverance has come and we are in a state of continuous rejoicing and praying and with praising and rejoicing, and filled with the Holy Spirit and exuberant and spilling out into our lives with Holy Ghost everything.

That's how He wanted me to present this scripture to you today. Why do you sleep? <sup>46</sup> And He said to them, why do you sleep? Why are you asleep? Get up and pray (Luke 22:40-46 KJV). Get up and praise. Get up and rejoice. Get up and declare. Get up. Hold fast to your profession and your confession. Get up and rejoice. Why do you sleep? Why are you grieving? When your soul is sunk down in sadness, my Holy Spirit can't help you. You're going to enter into temptation to forsake Me because you choose grief at this time. Very costly for us, any of us, choosing grief at this time when God has very clearly spoken into this church, today, that it's a Nehemiah 8 chapter for where we're at right now.