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## *Hi Partners and Friends*

*We are excited about all God has for each of you and want to share a praise report with you.*

*We were led by the Spirit to start looking for a new building location and then I was informed that the building we were using was sold. As we continued to trust God and look He led us to a marvelous place and so our first service was our 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Arise Family Church - the first Sunday of July. Located at 680 Acadia Dr SE.*

*Here are a few pictures of our new location for our Sunday services.*



*We love you & God Bless  
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# It is Time to Seek the Lord

We are living in such an exciting time in history. A time when God will show Himself stronger and mightier in the earth through His people as never before. I have been teaching a message called "It is Time" for the last few months (to listen to these messages go to [www.arisefc.org](http://www.arisefc.org)) and we have been encouraged by the Holy Spirit in Hosea 10:12 NKJV

*"Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap in mercy. Break up your fallow ground for it is time to seek the Lord till He comes and rains righteousness on you."*

We are instructed to seek the Lord so that He can rain righteousness on us. The word *righteousness* in the Hebrew can be translated as *right, just, prosperity, justice*. A couple ways the word *come* can be translated is *grant, set and put*. In other words God is saying we are to seek Him so He can come and set or put things right in our life. Remember in Luke 13:10-17 Jesus said to a woman who had been bent over for 18 years "Woman you are loosed." Then He said that she ought to be loosed or as the New Living Translation puts it "Isn't it **RIGHT** that she be released." She had been seeking God and Jesus came and rained righteousness on her. He set or put things right in her life. God's will for us is the same - He wants to set and put things right in our lives as well. That is why we are laying hold of the Word of the Lord that this is our great year of breaking loose and getting unstuck. Whatever areas we are trusting God in and released our faith for breakthroughs and getting unstuck He wants to set, put or make it right for us. That is why He is instructing us to seek Him SO THAT He can grant it to us. It is time.

Jesus said, in John 15 verse 7 from the Amplified Bible

*"If you live in Me - abide vitally united to Me - and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you."*

We must understand how important our union with Him, and having His Words alive in us, is. He said they are vital - our life depends on it.

Let's turn to Haggai 1:2-8:

*“Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD’S house should be built. Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.”*

We may be saying, that looks and sounds like my life. So, let us then do verses 5 and 7 - consider our ways, reflect and evaluate - and focus on the answer in verse 8. Look at what it says - build the house, or build Him a habitation - and God says, I will be pleased and glorified and manifest My glory. The word “glory” can also be translated in the Hebrew as - *splendor, heavy with everything good, riches, wealth, abundance and honor*. So there is our answer, but wait . . . how do we get His glory manifesting in our lives to fix these different areas and set them right? We must develop the habit of building Him a habitation (vs. 8).

We are going to focus on one area of building Him a habitation, which is PRAISE. Moses sings a song in Exodus 15:1-2:

*“... unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father’s God, and I will exalt him.”*

The phrase “prepare a habitation” in the Hebrew is Navah, which can also be translated as - *celebrate with praise*. So, to build Him a habitation is to celebrate Him with praise.

Psalms 22:3 says:

*“But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”*

God inhabits the praises of His people, so we build Him a habitation as we praise Him. The STRONG’S Concordance reveals that the

Hebrew word “inhabits” can also be translated as - *to sit down, cause to settle, make to inhabit, tarry, abide, (bring again to) place, remain, return, seat, and settle down.*” When we praise Him, we bring Him (His glory, which is His very presence) again into the place where we are, to sit and settle down with us. The word “praise” used here is the Hebrew word Tehillah and it can also be translated as “*laudation*” from the root word - *to be clear, to shine, to make a show, to boast, clamorously foolish, to rave, celebrate, and glory.* The praise that God inhabits is not sung from a Hymnal or overhead projector, but it is praise that comes from the heart. It is clear, and carries a glow or shining, because we mean the words we are saying. So, we can sing a song from a book or the wall, and God will tarry with us, if we sing it from the heart. This praise is not quiet, but very expressive as in a rave, or celebration, boasting in God and being clamorously foolish by making lots of noise and an uproar in glorifying Him.

Psalms 40:3 states:

*“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God . . .”*

Here we see added to tehillah (*praise*) the words “new song.” What is a new song, a song that is just written? Yes, but it can also be an older song. You may be thinking “how can that be?” Well, the word “new” can be translated *fresh, coming from a root word meaning - rebuild, renew, and repair.* Tie that together with tehillah, and you get a song that is new and fresh because you sing it from your heart as if it were the first time. Husbands and wives, this is the way each of you needs to say “I love you” to your spouse, because that is the way you expect to hear it - fresh and new, from the heart - with at least as much passion as the first time. This kind of song and praise will refresh us, renew our strength and rebuild and repair damage in our lives.

Which brings us to Psalm 149:1:

*“Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.”*

Here is a new song and tehillah again in the same verse. In verse 6 we see a change though: “Let the high praises of God be in their mouth . . .” - the introduction of “high praise.”

“High,” in the phrase high praise means - *to rise, exalt, get (oneself up), lift up (self), mount up, exaltation.* High praise is a fresh song from the heart that causes us to rise and mount up above the

circumstances. Also notice, it is something we do ourselves, no one can do it for us. If we need to get up or be lifted up, it is our decision. Others may help us and encourage us, but we must cooperate and make the choice to stand up strong - or their help will do us no good.

We are told in 2 Timothy 1:6:

*“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou (you) stir up the gift of God, which is in thee . . .”*

Remember David in 1 Samuel 30. When he and his men returned home, they found that their enemy had come and taken their wives and children and burned down the city. They wept and grieved for their loss, and then the men started talking about killing David because this had happened. What was he to do? Verse 6 tells us that David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. In the presence of God, he asked if he should go after their enemy, and God said *“Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.”* High praise is something we do for ourselves, to get us up or keep us up, so we can continue to be a blessing to others. In 2 Chronicles 5, King Solomon finished building the Temple of God in Jerusalem, and as they praised God clamorously (loudly) and with uplifted hands, God filled the Temple with His glory. Verses 13 and 14 say:

*“It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising (tehillah) and thanking (yadah - hands extended, or lifted to) the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.”*

We are still talking about seeking Him and building Him a habitation, that He may be pleased and manifest His glory in and through our lives. We can see in Hebrews 12:11-13, how a new song and high praise work together. In the face of correction from the Lord through His Word, we are to lift up our hands in praise and submission. Then our feeble, weak knees can be rebuilt, repaired and renewed in strength, so that we may be lifted up and rise up to walk in the path that He has prepared for us.

As we are building Him a habitation with our praise, His glory is also manifested as a weapon, for our protection and freedom.

Isaiah 61:3 says:

*“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.”*

The garment, or cloaking ourselves with tehillah, will cause heaviness to flee, so that God can manifest His glory. With God’s glory in manifestation in our lives, we can expect to Walk in the fullness of our covenant with Him, and be healed and healthy, rich and wealthy, have wisdom and direction, peace and strength, walking in victory and triumph always. Nehemiah 8:10 says, the joy of the Lord is our strength; and Psalm 8:2 says, strength is to still the avenger, or our enemy. Jesus, quoting Ps. 8:2 in Matthew 21:16 and used the word praise in place of the word strength, which is also included in the Hebrew meaning. Therefore, praise has also been established to still and stop our enemy in his tracks.

Let us look at Psalm 9:1-4 RSV

*“I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before you. For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment.”*

Because of our praise, God can manifest His glory in our lives, and our enemy will be turned back. That phrase “turned back” in the Hebrew can also be translated - *reverse, made to turn off, withdraw, hinder, denied, retreat and also bring back home again (as in our goods)*. Building a habitation for God in our lives with praise, will cause the devil and his works against us to be turned back; and it will also open the door for our goods to be returned, and the fruit of glory to increase in our lives. Let us close with 2 Chronicles 20, and see this principle at work for Israel. Singers were sent out ahead of the army, and they were to stand and see the salvation of their Lord. As the singers praised God, He threw the enemy armies into confusion, and they killed each other. Israel was three days in gathering the spoil, because it was so much.

As we build God a habitation with our praise, our situations and circumstances will change, and God will be able to manifest His goodness for us and through us - and we shall be able to testify that 2016 is our great year of breaking loose and getting unstuck.

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# *Audrey's Faith Tidbit*

## **What do you see?**

Habakkuk 2:2a NKJV "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets"

Does your image on the inside of you match up with your life or how you think your life should be? When you think about your life what kind of picture shows up on the inside? Does this inward picture help you or hinder you? What part of the picture do you like? What part would you like to change? Does this picture line up with your vision and dreams for your life, with the life God wants you to have?

You create an inward image from anything you read, hear, see and think on. You also have the ability to make these pictures better or worse than what you currently see. Everyone has an image of themselves on the inside that they see. People think in pictures. You see images in your spirit when you hear someone talking to you or you are thinking about something. This picture is different for everyone.

When we hear something or think about something, we need to be aware of the picture it creates on the inside of us. Is it something that helps us or hinders us? Jesus taught using many parables to try to create pictures of God's kingdom and how God operates inside people's spirits and minds. Parables are natural illustrations of spiritual truths. People need to be able to see and not just see but see properly. Jesus said in Matthew 13:13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand." You can read scriptures or hear great messages of God's truth and not get anything out of it because you didn't really see or hear what was really being taught. But if you get a revelation of what you read or heard, then you will understand, and you can be healed. In Matthew 13:15 Jesus talked about people who had become dull, hard of hearing, kept their eyes closed so they could not see and therefore had no understanding. But at the end of verse 15 He

said if they would understand and turn their hearts, have a change of heart, then Jesus would heal them. So the people needed to see something before they could be healed. You must be able to see that you can be healed and really see what the healing looks like before you get your healing. You must create the picture on the inside of you first before the outward manifestation. When you understand something, you quite often will say "I see it, I get it!" You got a picture on the inside and all of a sudden you understood what was being said.

Seek the Lord; dig into His word to see what is available for you in your life. Seek the Lord first and He can help you with where to start. Is there something really pressing right now like needing healing now? Find God's promises, find some pictures and create a vision page or board to see it around you and then practice seeing that as a reality on the inside of you. If you are sick, see yourself well – what would you be doing if you were well? See yourself doing those things. Make sure you don't have a picture of failure or sickness or dying on the inside of you. Spend time recreating that picture, you can change it just like you can change a picture you are drawing. You might erase a little here, add a little here until you perfect the picture you are drawing. Take time to focus on one area and practice seeing God's picture of victory on the inside of you.

When you line up your inward picture with what God has promised you, it is only a matter of time before you will see it come to pass. You will find you have a heart full of faith. Jesus constantly told people who received their victory that their faith was the reason it came to pass. It was their ability to see it deep inside themselves and receive it as truth that brought them their victories. Keep pressing in and thanking God for your victory, it is only a matter of time before you see it come to pass.

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