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Topic: 6 – Harmony with God

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The Spirit-filled Christian, who rejoices in God's Word is to sing psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs; and we are to make melody in our hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:15-16 MKJV *(15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which you also are called in one body, and be thankful. (16) Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Ephesians 5:18-19 MKJV *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is excess, but be filled with the Spirit, (19) speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;*

Paul tells us that we are to sing with both the Spirit and the mind:

1 Corinthians 14:15 MKJV *(15) What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the mind; I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the mind.*

This does not just mean that we Christians are to be mere spectators or that we should only listen to the music of an 'expert". We are to be in harmony with the Spirit ourselves, and we are to have our own joy, and our own songs, and our own inner peace.

The song of the Spirit in our lives flows as we walk in the Spirit and obey God and live and dwell among the things of God. As we are reconciled to God and dwell in peace with God we enter into His song, the song He sings through His Spirit and through Creation.

God's universe is full of harmony, from the sounds of birds and whales to the massive "chords" emitted from the fiery arcs of the Sun's corona, sounds discovered just last week. Everywhere we turn, from electrons to galaxies the Universe is "in tune" with its Creator.

Psalms 65:13 MKJV *The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy and sing.*

Psalms 96:1-13 MKJV *Oh sing to Jehovah a new song; sing to Jehovah, all the earth. .. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness of it. (12) Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; then shall all the trees of the forest rejoice (13) before Jehovah; for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.*

Revelation shows us that even Heaven is full of song:

Revelation 5:8-10 MKJV *And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having harps and golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (9) And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book and to open its seals, for You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation. (10) And You made us kings and priests to our God, and we will reign over the earth.*

Revelation 14:2-3 MKJV *And I heard a voice from Heaven, like the voice of many waters and like the voice of a great thunder. And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. (3) And they sang as it were a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. And no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousands who were redeemed from the earth.*

Revelation 15:2-4 MKJV *And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire. And those who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. (3) And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are Your ways, O King of saints. (4) Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You only are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteousnesses were made known.*

Hebrews tells us that even the Messiah Jesus sings praise to God:

Hebrews 2:11-12 MKJV *For both He who sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers, (12) saying, "I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."*

And one of the last things that Jesus did before the cross was to sing a hymn with His disciples:

Matthew 26:30 MKJV *And singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

Even the resurrection of the just shall be full of song!

Isaiah 26:19 MKJV *Your dead ones shall live, together with my dead body they shall arise. **Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust;** for your dew is as the dew of lights, and the earth shall cast out the dead.*

Now this great harmony that proceeds from God is unavailable to the wicked. They are out of tune with God. They have no peace, rather they are "tossed to and fro":

Isaiah 57:20-21 MKJV *But the wicked are like the troubled sea, which cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. (21) There is no peace, says my God, to the wicked.*

Shalom, the complex Hebrew word for "peace" is a state of complete harmony with both the Creator and all His Creation:

Isaiah 32:16-18 MKJV *Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. (17) And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the service of righteousness shall be quietness and hope forever. (18) And my people shall dwell in a peaceable home, and in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.*

The Millennium will be a time of great peace and harmony:

Isaiah 11:6-9 MKJV *Also the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. (7) And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. (8) And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. (9) They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.*

We must set aside sin and wickedness and seek to enter into the glorious and beautiful peace and harmony of God!

This returns us to the two verses we started this study with – the verses in Ephesians and Colossians, that exhort us to: a) be filled with the Spirit and b) to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. Both have the same effect of bringing us into spiritual harmony and into a state of grace that is full of rejoicing.

The tune that the Spirit plays is love, and without it we are a "clanging gong or a clashing cymbal" which is an out-of-tune and discordant Christian (1 Corinthians 13:1). The decision to exercise agape love is a decision to be dawn into the eternal love song of God.

The Christian life is a song, it has words, it has meaning, and it is full of Truth, yet it is also reverent, worshipful and full of rhythm and life. The rational alone is insufficient. Heaven rings with songs not syllogisms! Yet neither is our faith entirely mystical or experiential, as if the tune and the sensation were all there were to it. The words glorify God. And Christ is the Word.

So we must enter into this harmony of grace and truth, the Spirit and the Word, the tune and the lyrics, the song and the One singing it. God conducts His orchestra, and God sets the timing of all things and makes them beautiful in their time (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11). God's eternal song is immense and has its slow movements, pastoral symphonies, stirring marches, and romantic duets. Each in their place. It is not just one vast crescendo.

So let us listen carefully to the Word and the Spirit letting both dwell richly in us, so that we can pick up the song of God in our lives; making melody in our hearts to the Lord, and leading obedient lives full of grace, love, joy and peace.

Blessings,

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