# PENTECOST

THE DIVINE ORDER OF SPIRIT-LED WORSHIP

# 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 New International Version Good Order in Worship

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Church, if we are not careful, we are at risk of becoming a NON-PROPHET organization

All of us must learn how to worship God.

I.HYMNS.

Greek word "psalmos" literally translated "psalm."

Definition: a sacred song sung to musical accompaniment.

Eph. 5:18-19 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

Because we're "filled with the Spirit," our Spiritdirected worship should include psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Psalm 33:1-4 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the Lord with the harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise. For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

Psalm 96:1 O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.

Psalm 98:1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

Psalm 149:1-4 Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

# II.WORD OF INSTRUCTION.

2 Tim. 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished to all good works.

2 Tim. 4 1-2 ... I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.

Vs. 3-4 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from truth and turn aside to myths.

III.A REVELATION.

Greek word "apokalupsis" meaning "an uncovering, unveiling, manifestation."

Ex. 34:34 But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out.

The greater the revelation, the greater the transformation!

2 Cor. 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

#### BEHOLDING IS BECOMING!

Worship does not satisfy our hunger for God – it merely whets our appetite.

#### DIVINE ORDER BRINGS DIVINE REVELATION.

#### IV.A TONGUE AND AN INTERPRETATION.

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## 1 Corinthians 14:1 New International Version Intelligibility in Worship

14 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

## 1 Corinthians 14:3-5 New International Version 3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

4 Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

5 I would like every one of you to speak in tongues,[a] but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues,[b] unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

# 1 Corinthians 14:24 New International Version 24 But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all,

God's Word gives distinction between the OFFICE of prophet and the GIFT of prophesy.

#### A. THREE LEVELS OF PROPHECY.

1."Thus saith the Lord"

This is the highest form of prophecy.

2."It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us"

Acts 15:28 It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:

This type of prophecy reflects a general consensus about the will of God.

3. "Does this mean anything to you?" or "What do you think about this?"

This could also be called a word of knowledge or a word of wisdom.

I Peter 4:10-11 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

Paul confirms that this is no light matter. Though we are human, God will entrust us with His precious voice and use us to speak His words to another.

### B.THE NEED FOR PROPHETIC MINISTRY.

It will always direct the recipients to the heart and ways of God.

Gen. 20:7 Now therefore, restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet.

Hebrew word for prophet is *nabi*'

Exodus 7:1 So the Lord said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharoah, and Aaron your brother shall be your *prophet."* 

Exodus 4:16 So he shall be your *spokesman* to the people. And he himself shall be as a *mouth* for you, and you shall be to him as God.

A prophet is one who speaks for another, or one who lend his voice to another.

### Hebrews 1:1-2 New International Version God's Final Word: His Son

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

John 12:49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

# Ephesians 4:11-13 New International Version 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Therefore, anything now spoken must not in any way contradict established Scripture.

The key is to somehow find the right balance between the PROPHETIC (the desire to break new ground) and the PASTORAL (the desire to take people with us).

### VI.PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP REMEMBERED.

three adjectives to define Pentecostal worship:

### UNDIGNIFIED, UNPREDICTABLE, UNSTOPPABLE.

### 1.UNDIGNIFIED WORSHIP.

2 Sam. 6:21-22 I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more <u>undignified</u> than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes.

True worship always forgets itself.

One of the Hebrew words for praise is *hallel*, which means to be clamorously foolish or mad before the Lord.

When you realize that your heavenly Father loves you with such extravagance – passionate, undignified worship is our only response.

### 2.UNPREDICTABLE WORSHIP.

Mark 14:6 ... She has done a beautiful thing to me.

Worship is meant to be an encounter, an exciting meeting place where love is given and received in an unscripted manner.

Isn't it time the Bride of Christ did a few more crazy things for the One she loves?

## "WE NEED TO STOP PRAYING FOR GOD TO BLESS WHAT WE'RE DOING AND START DOING WHAT GOD IS BLESSING."

Phil. 3:3 ...we worship by the Spirit of God...

### ALWAYS BE READY FOR THE UNPREDICTABLE!

### 3.UNSTOPPABLE WORSHIP.

True worship often meets opposition.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 New International Version 17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

## Acts 7:54-60 New International Version The Stoning of Stephen

54 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.

55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him,

58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

"Though usually seated at the right hand of God, this time Jesus gets to His feet to honor and spur Stephen on in his courageous act of worship. It's as if He's saying, "Look up, look up! You have honored Me today, and forever I will be your very great reward. I am on my feet to spur you on. Look up to me, look up to me, for your brave worship has brought honor to my name and pleasure to my heart."

### UNSTOPPABLE worshippers let nothing hinder them in their quest to glorify God!

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