

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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2 Chronicles 5:11 say, it came to pass when the priests were come out of the Holy place. I want you to see how they came; 120 of them of them with different instruments, yet all making the same sound; the Levites arrayed in white linen, emblematic of purity.

There were 120 priests blowing trumpets, there were singers and instruments of music, but they were as one, to make one sound. The 120 priests who were supposed to minister, stood like statues, and the Holy Ghost took the meeting. The entire building was filled with the glory of God.

All this demonstration [recorded in 2 Chronicles 5:11-14], the house filled with the glory of God, was brought about by the 120 priests blowing the trumpets; the sounding of the different instruments mingled with the voice of the great company of singers; **the whole object being to glorify God, and all making one sound.**

God wants perfect harmony. No one criticizing, no one finding fault, but all sounding forth His praise; and in white – purity. If we go out to meet God clothed in white, washed in the Blood of the Lamb; if we go out, all making the same sound; if we go out to glorify God, God will honor all the noise.

It is not excitement. **God comes down to acknowledge the praise.** They pressed the button, and the power of God came down. **That same power will either save or destroy us some day. The house was filled with the power and glory of the Lord.**

There was no preaching then; but singing, shouting, praising the Lord, and all that praise glorified God. The house was filled with glory. The people were still standing. Solomon ready to dedicate the temple. Solomon stretched out his hands and prayed to God, and God heard him.

When he had made an end of praying something happened. The house was filled with the glory of the Lord. They saw and felt it; it was not a shadow. The priest could not enter into the house; they could not get in at all, because of the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.

If, when the people obeyed; the glory of God came down, and the people fell prostrate, how much glory ought there to be today? The ancient temple in all its glory represents each one of our bodies. If we are filled with the Holy Ghost, as we ought to be, the body will be flooded with rivers of water flowing out to others; and it will be on FIRE for God.