

PERFECTING PRAISE

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Note: This booklet is the last of three on the power and effectiveness of praise. They were written by Francis Metcalfe and her team of worshipers in the mountains of Southern California back in the nineteen fifties. These booklets have had a deep and lasting impact in the lives of many who have sensed the call to give themselves to worship and praise as a way of life. If this booklet has been a blessing to you and you would like to receive either of the other two, MAKING HIS PRAISE GLORIOUS and LIVING THE LIFE OF PRAISE, please let us know and we will send it to you as a PDF file so that you can easily send it on to others anywhere in the world free of charge. Please email your request to Robert Fitts at <robertjoni@gmail.com>

INTRODUCTION

At Resurrection Time, 1974, the blessed Holy Spirit spoke to us about perfecting our praise in the reverential fear of the Lord. Since then He has given further instruction and inspiration to us regarding the ministry of praise. And we shall share herein some of these precious truths which various members of our Fellowship have experienced. In the Greek, the word for perfecting is epiteleo. It means to fulfill, to consummate, accomplish, complete or finish. "To bring to full fruition" is implied. In English, the meaning of perfecting is "to bring to the highest possible degree of excellence." It also means to complete, mature or finish. We also made a study of the Hebrew and Greek words which are translated praise in the King James Version and we are including this, hoping it will bless you as much as it blessed us.

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One of the first things He impressed us to do was prayerfully to review LIVING THE LIFE OF PRAISE and MAKING HIS PRAISE GLORIOUS. Also to read any other books we have along this line. We have sent forth these teachings far and wide for the past twenty-five years, and yet it is possible that we shall ourselves fall short of all that the Lord desires in our own praise and worship. He also revealed that in praising the Lord we should turn to the various verses about praise in the Psalms, in Isaiah, and in The Revelation, and incorporate these verses in our own praise and songs to the Lord. He impressed us not to wait just for our meetings to pour out praise, but to do this alone each day.

When we assemble, He urged us to really "break the alabaster box" and pour out its entire contents — to really give of our utmost in praise, song, and worship and to let it be a real "drink offering" unto Him. He showed us not to stint our praise in any way, but to give of our best and most fervent praise each time, not holding in reserve something for the future. When Mary broke the alabaster box and lavished all its contents on Jesus, she was anointing Him for His burial.

But now we are anointing Him for His appearing and His great latter day manifestation. The hymn says that He is clothed in splendor and girded with praise. Let us anoint and gird Him with our most precious praise!

He revealed that the Lord really thirsts for our praise, even as our souls thirst for Him. So, His satisfying drink is the pure, loving, fervent worship and praise of His people.

He showed us that He is leading us into a higher praise, a higher worship, and also into a higher, more heavenly walk. Even though we are in the midst of the earth, we have also been raised up and placed, even planted, in heavenly places in Christ. (Eph. 2:6) ***"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me, and to him who ordereth his conversation (walk and talk) aright, I will show the salvation (the great reserved fulness of the endtime salvation) of God."*** (Ps. 50:23) The Hebrew word for glorify is kabad. It means to make numerous, rich, honorable or great. The English word means, to elevate to celestial glory; to shed radiance and splendor upon; to magnify, adore and exalt.

He told us to "summon all the powers of our being" to enter into this praise at this time. ***"Let all that is within me bless His holy name."*** He dealt with us about the word glory, and about giving Him glory continually. He made it so clear that we, His people, are His glory on the earth. (John 17:10) And He also showed us that He had preserved us on earth for this purpose. Heaven abounds with His glory. But on earth there is so much to dishonor Him. O, may we be a glory people, giving God glory all the day long!

It is not possible to give glory to God outwardly at all times, as we know, but there can be an inward glorying in the Lord at all times, in all places and in all circumstances. Even in our small circle, we had opportunity to give inward glory to God while in such unlikely places as the hospital, the dentist's chair, the unemployment office, and a court of law. We were encouraged to give "inward glory" in the home, the office

the shop, and on the highway. It seems it particularly pleases the Lord to be praised and glorified in difficult, unlikely places and circumstances.

"Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10:31) Each meal time should be a feast with the Lord. And we must truly learn to discipline ourselves not to eat for self indulgence, but for the glory of God. Many Spirit-filled Christians do not seem to realize that gluttony is a sin. He reminded us again that He wants a lively, living praise from us and not a dead, formal, ritualistic praise and worship. He wants us to praise Him as those who are alive from the dead — in newness of life, with gladness of heart.

He has indeed turned our mourning into dancing. He has put off our sackcloth and girded us with gladness. No matter what the conditions around us are, no matter how we feel, the Holy Spirit will enable us to give Him vital living praise. **"Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; to the end that my glory may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever." (Ps. 30:11, 12).**

One of our members shared this experience: "This worthy exercise in praise unto our God has been upgraded. I feel finally that I've reached a plateau. This giving of perfected (mature) praise to the Lord has been pondered. **'The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever. (Ps. 19:9) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Prov. 9:10)**' So the fear of the Lord is the good soil, the productive soil for praise that is pure, true and mature from which to spring out. It is living in this attitude and giving this practical praise unto our God at all times, in all things, that causes the real conflagration (in the Spirit) when we come together to praise our God."

Let nothing or anyone dampen or hinder our praise to the Lord. I must discipline myself to praise — for this is my joy offering to the Lord. The sacrifice of praise! The sacrifice of joy! **In everything give thanks!** He gives us the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. (Isaiah 61:3) I felt led to look this up in the Hebrew. The word "heaviness" in Hebrew is, kahah, meaning weakness. While we offer praise to the Lord, according to this verse, it is health to cure or cover our weakness. The word garment is, maateh, a covering or wrapping, to wear praise as a covering or wrapping and reveals that we can't keep our praise unto God all inside and unvoiced. I pray to be fully covered, wrapped in this garment — mind, soul, spirit, body, and heart. None of the fiery darts of Satan can penetrate this covering. When his subtle attacks have penetrated, could it be that some area of our being wasn't fully covered with this wrapping? Yes, it could be!

The following anointed prayer came forth in one of our night praise times: "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion, waiteth for Thee and on Thee. Praise waiteth on and ministereth unto Thee, O Lord, in ways that we do not yet fully understand. There is a ministry and a mystery in worship. There is a ministry in praise. There is a harmony, a unity with Thee, as we praise. O Lord, Thou hast taught us these holy ways. **"Blessed is the one (man) whom you choose and cause to approach You, that he may dwell in Your**

courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, even of Your holy Temple." (Psa. 65:4)

Thank You, Lord, for choosing us and causing us to come into Your courts, for You have said that we enter into Your courts with praise, into the courts of the Living God; and that we may dwell in Your holy Temple, that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. You have said that we may have access, O Lord, into the Holy Place of the Most High.

One night the Holy Spirit gave us this little chorus. The melody is, "All Over the World the Spirit is Moving." Here is the chorus: "All over again, the Spirit is moving, All over again, to stir out hearts to praise. All over again, He is giving revelations of how to worship the Lord, in holy, heavenly ways."

One verse was strongly impressed. It is found in *Psalm 54:6: "I will freely sacrifice unto Thee; I will praise Thy name, O Lord Jehovah, for it is good."* And the sacrifices He impressed on us are as follows:

The sacrifice of joy when feelings and circumstances seem to be contrary. (Ps.27:6)

The sacrifice of thanksgiving always and in all things. (Ps. 107:22)

The sacrifice of a broken spirit and contrite heart. (Ps. 51:17)

The sacrifice of praise. (Heb. 13:15)

Another wrote: "This morning I was struck with Romans 12:1, ***"Present your bodies a living sacrifice . . . which is your reasonable service."*** Many of the translations render "reasonable service" as "spiritual worship." In the very consecration of our bodies in the act of fully yielding our lives to Jesus, in that act of total consecration is the very highest form of worship and praise! For that reason it is called "spiritual worship!"

I will be glad and rejoice in Thee, O Lord, No matter how I feel. I will praise and thank Thee with all my heart for I know that Jesus is real. Thy Word is real and Thy love is Oh, so real! So I will be glad and rejoice in Thee, O Lord, No matter how I feel. ***"Let the high praises of God be in their mouths."*** (Ps. 149:6) The Holy Spirit stirred our hearts to call upon the Lord that the high praise of God come forth in us in all its fullness and beauty. We caught a new vision of such praise. But we were also shown that it would indeed be costly, and that there must be much more refining done in us to bring it forth.

The Holy Spirit has given us several songs of praise, but most of them are Scripture portions set to music by Him. We do feel led to share this one which came with a blessed anointing. The melody is, "The Comforter Has Come."

"With all the saints below
And all the saints above
Our voices we will raise
To praise the Lord we love.
We'll sing His holy name
And offer our acclaim,

The King of Kings is He!
The King of Kings is He!
The King of Kings is He!
His Kingdom shall be spread
From sea to shining sea.
And every knee shall bow
And every tongue confess
That Christ is Lord of all."

One night, as we worshiped, the Holy Spirit spoke the words in ***Psalm 9:14***: ***"That I may show forth all Thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in Thy salvation."*** The word just preceding this says, ***"Thou hast lifted me up from the gates of death."*** How wonderful! We know the Lord has healed and delivered us from death many times during our lifetimes, even beginning when we were small children. And, of course, He has delivered us all from the gates of spiritual death. Instead, we are placed in the beautiful gates of the daughter of Zion. And there we are to show forth not some praise, not just part of His praise but ALL of His praise.

What a vision He gave us as we meditated! The word about rejoicing follows. And the Spirit impressed us again that rejoicing plays a big part in our worship. We are to rejoice in and with the Lord heartily, as befits the inhabitants of Zion.

Another time, the Holy Spirit began to sing a portion from Isaiah 51:3. Only He sang it this way: ***"For the Lord has comforted Zion, He has comforted all her waste places, He has made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody."*** Over and over the Spirit impressed us with the beauty and ministry of the voice of melody in praising the Lord. Singing melody alone, without words, is a type of praise that pleases the Lord. Humming or whistling can also enter into this type of worship. And whether in our special praise times or as we go about our tasks, we can minister to the Lord in lovely melodies.

In Ephesians we find well loved words: "Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (5:18-20) Here, again, melody is coupled with thanksgiving. The words in Colossians 3:16 also were brought with new emphasis: "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." Singing in the Spirit is thus shown to be a beautiful evidence of being filled with the Spirit and letting the word of Christ indwell us richly.

One of our number was undergoing very fiery trials and a sudden attack came upon her. The Spirit dealt with her to laugh loudly in the face of the enemy. He impressed her that laughter is another form of praise, and that the Lord truly wants to fill our mouths with laughter as well as engage our tongue with singing. ***"Then was our mouth filled***

with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the nations, the Lord hath done great things for them." (Ps. 126:2) As she looked to the Lord for further confirmation in the Word, He led her to II Kings 19:21: *"This is the word that the Lord hath spoken concerning him (referring to the King of Assyria, a type of our enemy) ; the virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee."* For several days she was led to laugh in the midst of all the pressures and attacks from the enemy. When she related all this to us, the Spirit came upon her and some of us also in holy laughter. Job 8:21 also came into focus: *"Till He fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing."* Yes, holy laughter is indeed a form of praise

MAKING HIS PRAISE GLORIOUS

We'll laugh and shout and sing,
Making His praise glorious.
We'll magnify our King,
Making His praise glorious,
We'll live through all our days,
Making His praise glorious,
Giving Him glorious praise.

This song, given so many years ago by the Spirit was revived again in our midst. I looked up glorious, and it means in the original Greek — copious, great, magnificent, resplendent, and illustrious.

The Holy Spirit continued to deal with us about the importance of rejoicing heartily day by day as well as in the meetings. Many Scriptures came to mind, but we still felt weak and unable in ourselves to really rejoice — meaning to be glad, to joy in, and to be cheerful and happy, in the Greek. In the Hebrew, the meaning is to exult, jump for joy, triumph in, shout aloud, brighten up, be merry, glad and blithesome. As we considered all this, we felt utterly unable to continue on a path of constant rejoicing and praise. Our many problems, physical condition and age — just everything — seemed overwhelming. We really cried to the Lord for His enabling. For we realized more than ever before how utterly supernatural such a walk must be. We knew we were being pressed into God as never before. And we praise Him for this. Then He spoke so comfortingly, "You are rejoicing in hope. (Rom. 12:12) And you are *'looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.'*" (Titus 2:13) Let us live daily rejoicing in hope — and remembering always, *"Christ in us, the hope of glory."* (Col. 1:27)

The Lord spoke to several of us about His great triumph, and about His desire that we triumph always in all circumstances, through our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave a little vision of a saint, radiant with joy and victory in the midst of many severe trials — a real overcomer and conqueror — *"more than conqueror"* (Rom. 8:37 puts it). A triumphant saint is a special praise and glory to God. Just before this verse in Romans, Paul was

speaking about tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril and the sword — yes, even about martyrdom. So surely the grace of Christ is sufficient for the trials and troubles we encounter from day to day.

We wish we could put into words how beautiful and meaningful the word triumph was made to us, as the Holy Spirit moved. We found that in the Hebrew it means: with a shout of joy, a proclamation, a rejoicing, to glory in, to sing aloud, and to be victorious. The Scriptures He quickened to us are: **"Shout unto God with the voice of triumph!" (Ps. 47:1); "The Lord hath triumphed gloriously!" (Ex. 15:1); "Now thanks be unto God, who always causeth us to triumph in Christ." (II Cor. 2:14)** The word here in the Greek means, a procession or pageant of triumph. Moffatt translates it: **"Wherever I go, thank God, He makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ."** The Amplified reads: **"But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph — as trophies of Christ's victory — and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere, for we are the sweet fragrance of Christ (which exhales) unto God."** As we live in victory and joyful praise, what a fragrance is going up to God! Meanwhile, however obscure we may be in the world, all the unseen world of demons, angels and saints are viewing our daily life as a "pageant" either of defeat and dejection or of triumph and glory to God. Also the saved and unsaved alike are witnessing our daily lives and inhaling whatever "fragrance" we are breathing out.

Speaking of our lives being like a pageant, we will share with you a vivid dream one of us had. In the dream she was being urged by a dear friend to take part in a chorale and play that was being given in our village. (As a young girl she loved being in choirs, choruses, plays, pageants, etc.) This friend was telling her that it was such a shame that the public could not hear her voice and enjoy her talents. There was a bit of flattery in this, of course, and for just a moment she hardly knew what to say. Then the Holy Spirit spoke through her saying, "Why, every day multitudes hear your voice lifted up to the Lord in singing and praise." When she woke up, she realized that it was true.

We may feel that we are all alone. But in the book of Hebrews we are told that we are surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses." It is certain that angels and demons are everywhere, and that when we sing and praise in the Spirit, our voice is truly heard on high, as well as here on earth. We are God's spectacle, as in I Cor. 4:9: **"For we have become a spectacle to the world — a show in the world's amphitheater — with both men and angels (as spectators)."** (Amplified) The Greek meaning of spectacle is theatrical. And one of these days God is going to make us His actors in the greatest "spectacular" the world has ever witnessed. Right now He is training us and preparing us to show forth His grace and glory throughout all the earth and heavens.

One was given: **"Take with you words and turn to the Lord, say unto Him, Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously; so will we render the calves of our lips."** (Hosea 14:2) Before we praise, our minds should be cleansed and under the Blood of Christ. We know that we are not to offer praise merely in obedience, which is basic, but with an overflowing gratitude, love, appreciation and joy. This praise breaks down

barriers, and tears away partitions. Its holy vibrations shatter evil forces, and scatter the powers of darkness.

Praise is the highway, the elevator, the way to "Come up higher", as He is calling us. Jesus said that praise is perfected out of the mouths of babes and sucklings. So must we become childlike and fearless in praises. ***In Ps. 8:2 we read, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength."*** So, perfecting praise links us with ordaining strength. And truly the joy of the Lord is our strength — strength of mind, spirit, soul and body.

Another wrote: "The Lord wants from us a constant praise. Our spirit can be in constant praise and communion, even though our brain, at times, must be occupied with our daily tasks and work. This makes for a continual communion in the Spirit. And we can ask the Holy Spirit who dwells in our spirit to help us in this. He is so willing and eager to help each and ever one to be in continual praise. May our minds and spirits work together with the Holy Spirit as we yield our will to Jesus Christ, for His glory. ***"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (I Pet. 1:13)***

As we were worshiping, one had a vision of a rainbow around the Throne of God. It was in a complete circle, extending beneath the Throne into the earth. The heavenly throngs were praising Him and making up that part of the rainbow in beautiful, colorful praise. It was our responsibility to make up the bottom pan of the rainbow in beautiful, colorful glory.

It can be comparatively easy to praise God with others, since their praises encourage our praises. But to praise God when all alone and in difficult tasks is another thing. In I John 2:27 we read, ***"But the anointing (charisma) which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you."*** Neither can any individual offer our praise, nor live our lives for us. This can only be done by The Christ, the Anointed One, who lives within us.

One morning this week, I awakened with the thought of the Anointed and the anointing. The word anointing in the above verse is charisma (Ps. 51:6) Charisma in the Greek means a free gift, grace, favor, kindness of God. How great is this free gift! And how grateful should our response be in praise.

In a dream, one was ministering the Word of God in a rather large meeting, in which there was much moving of the Spirit. When she awakened, the Holy Spirit was singing this song:

In His temple everyone speaks of His glory! (Ps. 29:9)
In His temple everyone sings of His grace!
In His temple there is worship and thanksgiving,
There is honor and blessing and praise.

We had a strong moving one night of lauding and applauding the Lord for quite an extended period of time. His many mighty works in heaven and earth were held before us in a vast panorama. Then this stirring word came forth: "Yes, Lord, we laud You and applaud You and rejoice in all Your mighty acts, in all Your performances from the beginning of time until now. Yes, we laud and applaud You! Encore! Encore! As we continue to applaud You unceasingly, You shall again appear and throughout the whole earth Your performances, Your acts shall increase. Encore! Encore! O Lord, appear here in our midst too, for we know that You have kept the best for the very last.

In the Old Testament there are at least eight different Hebrew words that are translated praise in the King James Version. Each of these is most interesting. A study of them is sure to enrich our praise to the Lord, and to inspire us to worship and praise Him more pleasingly and perfectly.

The first mention of praise in the Bible is in *Genesis 29:35*, "***And she (Leah) conceived again, and bore a son; and she said, Now will I praise the Lord; therefore she called his name Judah, and ceased bearing.***" The Hebrew word is yadah, meaning to revere or worship with extended hands. Also to confess, praise and give thanks. Literally it means to make use of the hands in praise, not just to extend them, or raise them, but to move them. Often the Spirit will lead us to move our hands in beautiful, graceful gestures. And every movement has a meaning, just as in sign language. So let us be free in using our hands in praise. Notice that the name Judah itself means praise or celebrate. So the beautiful name of Judah is taken from the Hebrew word yadah. This word occurs in II Chron. 20:21; Psa. 7:17, 33:2, 99:3 and in other places in the Scripture.

In Leviticus 19:24, we find the word hallul, meaning a celebration, a feast of praise, merry praise, holy joy and laughing. It is connected in this Scripture with an offering of fruit unto the Lord. And truly all our praise and worship involves offering to God the fruit of the Holy Spirit — "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance". (Gal. 5:22, 23) "***For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.***" (Eph. 5:9) This word, hallul, is closely related to hallel, which is used in Judges 5:3; II Chron. 8:14; Neh. 12:24 and in some of the Psalms. It means also to show forth, to shine, to sing praise, to be prepared for marriage and to give in marriage. What a beautiful word! When we praise the Lord in this way, we are often in close union with Him.

Ephesians 5:19 speaks of "***Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.***" So too, in Col. 3:16, we are instructed to thus sing unto the Lord and one another.

Another precious word is Barach, meaning to bless abundantly, to congratulate, salute, kneel as an act of adoration and to thank. This word is used in Judges 5:2, Psa. 103:1, and in numerous other places, translated in the English as bless. It implies a hearty well-wishing and affection.

The Lord desires praise on stringed and other instruments as well. The Hebrew word zamar, means to strike with the fingers or play upon a musical instrument, accompanied by the voice. It implies both singing and playing. It means to celebrate in song, to give praise and to sing Psalms. It can be found in Psa. 57:7, 138:1 and other places. In its root meaning it also indicates "to trim a vine." We are truly living branches in Christ, the Vine. And worshiping the Lord in this way does accomplish a pruning or trimming of our branches, as the self-life is put to the cross.

In Psa. 63:3, 106:47, 147:12 and other places the word shabach is used. This means to address or praise in a loud tone, to get so loud your enemies stand silent or flee! To praise in authority is implied, and also to triumph, glory in and adore. Often the Holy Spirit leads us into this strong praise. Shouting can be one form of "shabaching" the Lord.

Another Hebrew word occurs in Proverbs 27:21. It is mahalal, and it means fame or praise. It is closely related to hallel, which has a wide range of meanings. In the Amplified version this verse reads: "As the refining pot for silver and the furnace for gold (bringing forth all the impurities in the metal), so let a man be in his trial of praise (ridding it of all that is base and insincere) for a man is judged by what he praises and of what he boasts." Graham Truscott, in commenting on this verse, says that it means that "entering fully into God's praise places us in the refining fire of the Holy Spirit."

Truly the Lord puts us through many fiery trials to purify our praise of Him. The word today is used in Ps. 42:4 and in other places it is translated thanks. It refers to a choir of worshipers, the praise of a throng, joyful rejoicing or a sacrifice of praise. It is also the Hebrew word for thanks, implying appreciation and gratitude. True appreciation and gratitude are important elements in our praise of the Lord.

The first mention of praise in the New Testament is in Matthew 21:16. Here the Greek word is ainos, meaning to laud, commend or praise. This is also used in Luke 18:43 and Romans 15:11. It is closely related to aineo which is found in Luke 19:37. In John 9:24, 12:43 and I Peter 4:11, we find the word doxa, meaning glory, honor, magnify, praise and worship.

The word epaineo occurs in Rom. 2:29, 13:3 and Eph. 1:6. This means to laud, applaud, commend and praise. When Jesus speaks of singing praise in Hebrews 2:12, the Greek word is humneo, meaning to hymn, to sing a religious ode or psalm, to celebrate in song. Where it speaks of giving the Lord the sacrifice of praise, in Heb. 13:15, the Greek word is ainesis, meaning, "a thank or praise offering."

One night, while worshiping, the Holy Spirit moved upon us in a strong way and brought forth a portion of the Word in Exodus: "***And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him (Moses) there, and proclaimed the name of THE LORD.***" (In the Hebrew, YHVH, pronounced with the accent on the last syllable, according to Strong's Concordance, Yehovah. Others, as we know, pronounce it Yahweh, or Yahvah. It means, The Eternal Self-existent One — literally, ***(The I AM that I WAS that I WILL BE!)***)

"And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jehovah God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth." (Ex. 34:5-7)

Often in our meetings we would sing out the various compound names of the LORD, as found in the Old Testament and this seemed to please Him very much indeed. For days afterward the Spirit kept moving in us about these compound names, filling us with rejoicing that all of them find their fulfillment in Yahshua, our Lord Jesus Christ. ***"Therefore, My people shall know what My name is and what it means; therefore they shall know in that day that I am He who speaks; behold I AM." (Isa. 52:6, Amplified)***
"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you canst tell?" (Proverbs 30:4)

Yehovah-yireh: The Lord my provider (Gen. 22:13,14)
Yehovah-rapha: The Lord my healer (Ex. 15:26)
Yehovah-nissi: The Lord my banner (Ex. 17:8-15)
Yehovah-mkaddesh: The Lord my sanctifier (Lev. 20:7, 8)
Yehovah-shalom: The Lord my peace (Judges 6:24)
Yehovah-raah: The Lord my shepherd (Ps. 23:1)
Yehovah-ori: The Lord my light (Ps. 27:1)
Yehovah-tsidkenu: The Lord my righteousness (Jer. 23:6)
Yehovah-sabaoth: The Lord of Hosts (Isa. 54:5)
Yehovah-shammah: The Lord is present (Ezek. 48:35)

Several of us were moved to "extol Him by His name YAH!" (Ps. 68:4) We found a special anointing upon us as we sang forth, spoke forth or shouted these sacred names revealed in the Old Testament. We know that all of them apply to Jesus, and that He has been given a name above every name. HalleluJAH! (Eph. 1:20,21; Phil. 2:9,10) During this time we were also led into a study of His Sacred Name, Jehovah. Psalm 83:18 was especially blessed: "That men may know that Thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, are most high over all the earth." The following is a partial list of Scriptures defining our relationship to the Name.

The Lord's name is to be:

Blessed: Job 1:21; Psa. 72:19, 103:1
Called Upon: I Chron. 16:8; Psa. 80:18, 99:6, 105:1; Isa. 12:4
Confessed: I Kings 8:33-35; II Chron. 6:26
Declared: Psa. 22:22, 102:21; John 17:26
Exalted: Psa. 34:3; Isa. 12:4
Extolled: Psa. 68:4
Feared: Psa. 61:5, 86:11, 102:15
Given Thanks: I Chron. 16:35; Psa. 106:47
Gloried in: I Chron. 16:10, Psa. 29:2, 86:12, 96:8
Honored: Psa. 66:2

Loved: Psa. 5:11, 69:36
Magnified II Sam. 7:26, I Chron. 17:24
Manifested: John 17:6
Mentioned: Isa. 26:13
Praised: I Chron. 29:13; Psa. 7:17, 44:8, 135:1
Proclaimed: Ex. 33:19, 34:5
Rejoiced In: Psa. 89:16
Remembered: Psa. 20:7, 45:17, 119:55
Sought: Psa. 83:16
Sung to: Psa. 66:4, 68:4, 69:30
Trusted: Psa.33:21
Waited On: Psa. 52:9

In His Name we are to:

Bless Others, Burn Incense (Offer Praise), Lift Up Our Hands, Minister, Set Up Our Banners, Walk before Him. (See Deut. 21:5 Mai. 1:11 Psa. 44:5, 118:10 Ps. 63:4 Deut. 18:5 Ps. 20:5 Micah 4:5)

One day as we were worshipping the Lord, someone saw a very large arena and in the center of it a great performance was going on—mighty acts of healing, deliverance and salvation. There were many men and women through whom the Lord was performing these acts. But the only Performer she could identify was Jesus! It was Jesus who was performing all the mighty acts of deliverance, healing and salvation. As she gazed on this in wonder, the Holy Spirit prompted her to say: "Lord; where are we in the midst of all this?" (referring to our company of believers and worshipers) His answer surprised her. He said, "Why, you are in the rooting section!" Then she saw a great company of praisers, singers, and worshipers all attired in special garments, sitting in a special place in the grand stand. At a signal they would all rise and shout, sing, or praise the Lord in other ways. They were like a great choir. It seemed that as they applauded, the Lord would be cheered on, girded with greater strength and zeal. And just as the rooting section plays a special part in stirring a football team on to victory, so the Lord seemed to be greatly pleased with His rooting section.

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