



Before the THRONE *The Devotional*

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2 Kings 3:15

“And now bring me a musician.” And it came to pass when the musician played that the hand of the LORD came upon *Elisha*.” 2 Kings 3:15

Can you imagine what life would be without music – it would be rather dreary wouldn’t it? While music is an integral part of the Christian worship experience, enhancing every aspect of our lives, don’t make the mistake of equating good music with the Anointing of God! Music can set a stage, or built a platform from which we can extend our faith and usher the manifest presence of God into our lives, but not all music is anointed. Better to carry the presence of God into a service than to “carry a tune.” But thank God we don’t have to settle for one or the other – we can have them both! “Make a joyful noise unto the LORD all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing... enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.” (Psalm 100:1,4)

Music can lift and focus our hearts, touching our emotions as nothing else can. And it is these moments of willing vulnerability we can expose our real selves to the Lord’s Spirit in genuine worship. Because music can so readily bring us into a state of praise or worship we must also be careful to not forget that an emotional experience is not necessarily a faith experience! “Without faith it is impossible to please God...” (Hebrews 11:6).

If music facilitates your worship experience, by all means “call for the musicians” – but always remember the hand of the LORD is awaiting your release of faith!