

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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Nehemiah 12:8-43

“Moreover the Levites; who were in charge of the giving of thanks... to praise and to offer thanks, according to the commandment of David... Then I (Nehemiah) ... appointed two great companies of them who gave thanks... with trumpets, with the musical instrument of David... and the singers sang loud...they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced, for God made them rejoice with great joy... so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.” Nehemiah 12:8, 24, 31, 35-36, 42, 43

Anointed preaching of the Word of God produces a desire and willingness to worship. They go hand in hand – for worship softens the heart and prepares it to receive the life giving, faith bringing Word!

In these Ending Days, as we see the Tabernacle of David being restored (Acts 15:16), we see the Spirit once again directing the Church to make thanksgiving, praise, and worship a high priority within the life of the people of God. Abandonment to radical worship is quickly becoming the norm as the People of God are being prepared for the life of worship that we will all experience once Jesus has gathered us to Himself!

Apostolic lifestyle is also being seen again as the people of God willingly offer themselves at great personal sacrifice with joy and rejoicing. “And when they had laid many stripes on them, they cast them into prison... and at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises to God.” (Acts 16:23-25).

Nehemiah appointed two “great companies” specifically to offer praise. This Old Testament type leaves us with two options – it appears then as Christians we are to offer praise or we are to offer praise!

Let’s practice!

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