ROAR!

Release of Adonai's Revelations

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-Amos 3:8 NKJV

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"Come up Higher"

Dear Friends,

We are living through some powerful times where things in our nation and our own lives are unravelling and becoming visible by the day. What does our Father in heaven desire from us, His people at this time?

The Father's heart hasn't changed since He first formed man in the garden. It was the same when He came and rescued his people from Egypt. It was the same when He sent His only Son to save humanity. And it remains the same today – WORSHIP.

"But a time is coming, and even now has arrived, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23-24) Jesus is speaking to a Samaritan woman, who was lonely, rejected and seeking. She had to draw water at noon to avoid the chatter of people concerning her promiscuity. Jesus speaks to an immoral woman not about moral living, but about worship.

In every age, the God of ages has brought His people's heart and attention back to the core and unchanging theme of His kingdom i.e Worship. The theme that brings heaven on earth. The theme that lifts us ordinary mortals, to stand before the very throne of God.

In Revelations 4 we get an incredible glimpse of the worship in heaven. It is centred around who God is, what He has done, is doing and will do. It is unceasing. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Being a worshiper in spirit and truth is thus about oneness with the Father. A oneness that words often cannot express in a song and the mind cannot fully fathom. David prayed in *Psalm 27:4 "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple."* David had tasted the deep oneness with the Father – and nothing else he had seemed to come close. The God-shaped vacuum in the core of man can only be filled with worship. Without which there is a gaping void that man would try to desperately fill.

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G K Chesterton, an influential English writer of the twentieth century put it like this *"When man ceases to worship God, he does not cease to worship nothing but worships everything."*

The dictionary defines worship as the act of expressing love, adoration, respect and honour for someone or something. It derives its meaning from 'worth-ship' - esteeming something very highly. When you worship something or someone they hold your outermost love, respect, and devotion; meaning they hold the power to your life. **Worship is thus an issue of the heart.** Whatever/whomever you decide to worship will have your heart.

In Exodus 14 we read of the Israelites coming into a dark stormy night where panic broke out among the people. Worshipers are seldom formed when times are good. How we respond in the storms has everything to do with whether we come to be worshipers in spirit and in truth. The crossing of the Red Sea involved night and day, where God showed His power and glory in a pillar of fire and cloud that separated Israel from the enemy. Miriam and the women with her praised God with tambourines once they had crossed the Red Sea, but the Israelites had not learned their lesson. Three days later, they were complaining about bitter water (Exodus 14:24). **They knew the songs, but they were not true worshipers.**

Jacob, the patriarch, at the end of his life, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped leaning on the top of his staff (Hebrews 11:21).

Here's an old man who had seen pain, suffering and sorrow. As Jacob looked back over his life, God's faithfulness caused him to be a worshiper. There was no song, no music, no worship team, but he worshipped because he saw the faithfulness of God. He had proven to himself without a doubt, that God had always been faithful and would be until his last breath. That is a true worshiper.

Being a worshiper in spirit and truth is about entering God's rest. A rest that remembers God's faithfulness in and out of the storms of life. The revelation of who God is and what He has done is the fuel for the fire of worship.

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When we read about the three Hebrew men – Shadrach, Meshech & Abednego in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3) or about Paul and Silas in the Roman prison (Acts 16) – we get an insight into a heart that is bent in worship to the Most High God. It isn't a weekly event or a situational thing. **Worship is the posture of the spirit.**

A heart like that can withstand anything – because the very source is God. Worship is hence also a mighty weapon in the spirit! The fire didn't touch the Hebrew men, the chains fell apart from the hands and feet of Paul and Silas – no one fought, nothing happened – except just true WORSHIP!

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose." (Acts 16: 25-26)

"After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne." (Revelation 4: 1-3)

Dear friends, we believe that in these days, the Lord is calling many of us to "come up higher" from where we have been, from what we have known – into the throne room before the very presence of God – in worship. There is much more to discover, much more to unravel and **worship is key.** Sometimes it may be for a Nebuchadnezzar to see the glory of God… and yet some other times it maybe for our own shackles and chains to break and fall away! But regardless of what it 'brings' let us 'be' who we were created to be – Worshippers in spirit and truth of the Most-High God!

As Psalm 150 loudly proclaims - *"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."*

Let us inhale His beauty, walk with Him in the garden, stand before His very throne…for worship is what we were MADE for!

"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
Revelations 2:29

With great anticipation,
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