

SUNDAY NOTES 3-06-11

“. . . BECAUSE OF THE ANOINTING”

- * Most born-again/spirit filled believers desire a church atmosphere with a strong anointing and mighty moving of the Holy Spirit because they know it is by the anointing that supernatural healings take place. Isa 10:27 “. . . the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.” Acts 10:38, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”
- * 1Corinthians 2:3-4 “And I was with you . . . in fear (having an awesome reverence for the Lord), and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.” Paul realized the responsibility he had as a minister to maintain a high reverence for the Lord so the Holy Spirit could manifest the anointing.
- * To often the incorrect attitude in a church service can cause the anointing to dissipate. Maintaining a high reverence during Praise and Worship is so very important in keeping the manifestation of the Holy Ghost.
- * John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. In 1987, the Lord spoke to Kenneth Hagin these words, “When you really learn to praise and worship Me in the right way, you'll find a stronger anointing and a greater move of the Holy Spirit in your midst. Clapping is neither praise nor worship. To clap is to applaud. The world claps, saints praise.”
- * There are times to clap such as in the keeping in time with an up-tempo song. At the end of that song we should lift our hands. 1Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray (one type of prayer is praise and worship) every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- * The Lord also said to Kenneth Hagin, “Some of the old-time Pentecostals knew something about that deeper move of the Spirit. The modern-day Pentecostals – this new generation of Charismatics - know little or nothing about it. Charismatics know little or nothing about the move of My Spirit. Charismatics know a little about praising Me, but they know nothing at all about true worship.”
- * The lack of reverence for God can grieve the Holy Spirit and cause the anointing to lift. We can clap to keep time with up-tempo songs but let's refrain from clapping during or after individuals sing, during worship, prophesies, tongues and interpretation of tongues, and as the anointing is flowing and people are being healed. If we are premature in our excitement with clapping, the anointing may lift and others will not be blessed. We don't want to substitute brass for gold during our precious time with the Lord. When the Spirit has stopped moving and people have received their healings, etc, then let's shout, jump, clap and dance with them.

