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FOREWORD

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SINGER'S RETREAT

TRINIDAD 11TH FEBRUARY, 1997 **BRO. VIN A. DAYAL**

Oh, once more!
Thank God I am free, free,
free from this world of sin.
I've been washed in the Blood of Jesus
I've been born again.
Hallelujah, I'm saved, saved, saved
By His wonderful grace;
I'm so glad that I found out
Jesus brought me out and
showed me the way.

Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus. Amen. This is a singer's meeting, amen? This meeting is about worship. This meeting is not about anything else but just worship and ministering in song and taking your place and having faith in your anointing and working in the ministry that the Lord has given you. So if it is one meeting that we don't have to think about starchy people it's this meeting. Amen. It can't have any starchy singers. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name.

You know I find things were going kind of little slow so I told them to bring out the Korg and get a next mike because I just felt that we could have a wonderful time here by God's grace and it is just hard for me to think that we could be here in God's Presence free, you know, arise possess your inheritance this is the year of jubilee, all these things that we can sing here. And to know people, down the road just a few miles from here, are doing everything that they could do thinking that they're free, thinking that they're happy and are in more bondage that us, amen. And we have been free from that kind of thing and we are here by God's grace.

We are happy to be here and so we just want to worship the Lord a little bit and praise Him and have a wonderful time in His Presence and let the singers sing a little bit and let's have a wonderful time by God's grace. Let's have our own little mini praise service here in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen? Let's lift our hands and say, "Thank You, Jesus." Amen. Praise His wonderful Name.

You may have your seat. God bless you. Amen. So we could invite a little more singing before we speak a little bit and we get everything just feeling just right. You know this meeting is not confined just to singers. It might look that way on the board but we felt all who are up the hill may want to come, you know can come and sit around and listen because sometimes people—I felt that, that would be good because people only see somebody get up and sing a song and they don't realize all what goes behind the ministry of singing. And sometimes I think that if people can see what is required; the line that a singer has to walk in; the type of consecration required; the ministry, the awareness they ought to have to function in that ministry; the faith it takes to operate there to be a blessing unto other people, then it certainly would help somebody to appreciate what goes behind it.

Sometimes you see a person maybe even preaching stand up and preach you don't see the weeks and the months and the years it takes to bring one message together sometimes. You don't see the lonely nights of pleading and prayer you take before God to fix it right and do it right. You just see the end product. It comes like the gas. You walk in the gas station and you say, "Fill up the tank. I want Super" but you don't see when the drillers go and begin to drill and bring up that crude oil and take it to the refinery and then they have to refine that and all that it has to go through before it could come in your tank and be used for your transportation.

So sometimes that helps you to appreciate what goes into it and so we believe by God's grace that even today in coming together we could receive a little deeper anointing of the Spirit. I just feel that sometimes we work with the mechanics of these things but there are times we could work with the dynamics of these things. Let me see how much we desire a deeper anointing? It's the anointing that makes the difference. You want to see a greater anointing in your own ministry, in your own life; what God called you for.

You know we come in a meeting like this, God could give us that anointing. So now we sing and we could sing but we don't have the joy sometimes. We don't feel the joy. We call upon the singers to sing a certain song but like we don't have the joy. Sometimes somebody say, "I can't sing that song today." Say, "Well if you want me sing it, I will sing it," and you go through and you sing it and only because if you had the victory at that time, you could have sung the song. And sometime even though God in His foreknowledge gives you a revelation in a song, yet sometimes because songs are prophetic, you have to grow in your faith to sing the fullness of what the words can convey. So as you grow in faith...

You know it comes like a man preaching water baptism. He could preach water baptism in an elementary way and the more you grow in knowledge and the more you grow in faith, you can see the fullness of what it is. Any truth, any song, any thing, you can do it only to the measure of your growth and your faith but as you grow in faith, the Word doesn't change but your insight, your command, your grasp of the thing, it becomes stronger; it becomes clearer. You can deliver it with the impact, with the power, that it can do something. The first time you sing it, it might move two people and that is two who are willing to cooperate. When you really start to sing with faith, you can move the starchiest of persons. You break up the starch

around them and loose them, amen. It comes like the lame man who was walking and leaping and praising God. See! Something happened to loose him and set him free.

And that's the way God is. And when you come in a meeting like this you come, "Lord, I don't just want the mechanics of it." And that is why I feel that sometimes when the right people gather together, who relates to something; who has the pull for it you know. You have to pull for it. You know what it is to stand up and sing, to stand up and minister. You know the consciousness that you have sometimes. You know you hold it one day and then you can't hold it the next day because you're growing in it. You're learning to master it. You're learning to work with it. You're gaining more experience each day you work with it.

But then it comes to the place you get a hold of it. It fits you. You could use it. You could walk into a place and you can sense the Spirit. You can make the contact and you can begin to work with the Holy Spirit and you can begin to get the people participating. You grow into it. It becomes part of you. It becomes normal. same way you put on your clothes normal. See. It fit you. When it doesn't fit you, you have to force into it. You have to diet sometimes to fit into it. You see? You have to drop off weight to fit into it. And that is the way with a ministry sometimes; a lot of weight and sin to lay aside to fit into it and when you fit into it, it works smooth. But when you find, you know, little this here; little things handicap you, you can't work with the ministry as you could. But when you get into it you work into it because it's power, friends. What we're talking about is working with God. We're talking about becoming a co-worker with God. We're talking about the Holy Spirit taking a hold of people and using them and that's a powerful thing. Could you imagine what it is to work with Jesus Christ; that He could work in you and through you? It's a great thing. Amen.

And so we're gathered here by God's grace and you know we had the retreat the last time and some of the more senior singers felt that it will be good to have a retreat today because we wanted to have it before, about two or three weeks before. We had to go to Suriname and Barbados so we said okay the most fitting time would be carnival time when we gather together we'll fit that in somewhere in the program and that is what is happening here today. We thought we would fit that in to give a chance to those who were there in that last retreat when we sat at the side there and then there was the Sunday afternoon we came back. I think last month sometime we came back up in the fellowship hall and we had such a tremendous time I would say, that evening when some of the Saints from Princes Town came up and we had a wonderful time there by God's grace.

And so when we have these type of retreat, we call this retreat because we withdraw from what we do every day and we come to refocus and review and reexamine our ministry in the light of what the work is demanding of us at this present time, much more as we see the day approaching. "How can I serve Him better? How can I function with a greater effect in this? How can I accept the responsibility in my calling? How can I be more involved? How n I make practice work for me? How can I come in on service days and make my contribution and see the atmosphere, be created? How can I function in order to inspire the believers?" When we have a retreat, we come to reexamine and refocus these things because the normal daily routine, school, work, home things, it shakes you out at times and then when you get back with people in a similar ministry and you get back lined up with the Word, it comes like it comes back fresh to you and you need that.

As a minister, I need that in my own ministry, in my own life. That is what sometimes when I travel I like not just to travel just to preach but to be among some of the

ministers over the years who I know have been in the ministry, been pastoring down through the years and they're working with the Word in their laboratory, so to speak; working with the chemicals, discovering things and you look at it and you see what it's doing for them; what it's doing for you. You share experience. That is why the world leaders have summits. Each one, head of a nation, they come together and they try to see what they could do to improve the condition of the world. That is why, people in the army, in the military, they come together and they look and see the potential of the weapons that they have; the capability they have to destroy the world and how best—what they can do to protect civilization and safeguard it that these things don't fall in the hands of terrorist and these things.

And so people of like profession will have to come together. In the medical fraternity, people come together and they talk about medicine and new drugs on the market and side effects and ways that they could do to improve the health condition and the World Health Organization with the rampant spread of disease and these things. Well here you are with people of similar calling, similar desire, to work, to understand; not everybody understand. Some people are anointed. Some people are not fully anointed. Some people have talent. Some people need training to use their talent. Some people have ability. Some people need to know the laws and principles by which that ability could achieve all that God intended for the ability to achieve. And that is why when you have a meeting like this, it's a benefit to you. It gives you insight. You understand how to work with the spirit along a certain line. They edify you. You get insight to portions of Scripture to know that this thing is not a program in church for young people. This is something in the Bible that people who are identified to possess this ability, this talent, can find their place in the Scripture where they fit and when

they work they can work with a faith. They say, "Lord, if You were there with that one."

The same way like when somebody needs healing they say, "Lord, I see the Shunammite woman approach You with confidence and say, 'All is well.' I see Martha and Mary say, 'Yea Lord, even now.' I see Paul tell the man, 'I perceive you have faith to be healed, rise." Well you say, "Lord I see You identified yourself with those singers. They prophesied when they sang. David sang in the Spirit. I see when the minstrel played the Spirit came. Lord, I know You are the same. If I meet You on the same basis; if I approach You the same way, You will come down the same way" because that is the principle. He's the same yesterday and today and forever. And all these things were given for examples.

And that is why when we come together here, we come to pull, to be anointed; not just for the mechanics of, "Okay, we're doing this as a program." No. If you get that, you miss it. You miss the opportunity because the thing with the Word is... The Prophet said, "Do you want to see people get healed? Go in the Scripture and find the principles of healing; preach healing; create the atmosphere for healing; set the people's mind in the attitude for healing and they'll get healed. Do you want to see people get saved? Find the Scripture that deals with salvation, preach that; create the atmosphere of salvation; set their mind and their spirit in that channel to get saved. Do you want to see people get anointed to sing? Find the Scripture that deals with these things; set their heart and mind in that channel; let them get anointed with that thing and then it is now the Scripture become anointed in them governing and influencing them." And that's what it is.

So by God's grace let do something with faith now. Let's move the program back now and let's get some Spirit-led things here now by God's grace; not that the program wasn't spiritual. That is spiritual-led too but sometimes now feeling, people who feel things from the

Spirit, you know to come and... I see we have the mike set up here. We have these other two here by God's grace. We have three microphones here. So from a group, to an individual, to a quartet, to a trio, to whatever it is and even some of you who like to attend the meeting and sit in the back and say, "I want to go in the singers meeting. I'm a singer" and you sit there and you look around. I don't think you come here to observe, alright and you have to start somewhere.

We had such a lovely special on Sunday. I was in the back room. I didn't even know who was singing and I was hearing the song being sang and I remembered it was from the last retreat we had, our sister came and testified she felt she had the call to sing and she came out and she sang. [Bro. Vin calls a sister to sing. -Ed.] This one here, come and sing, you! Yeah. She came and she sang there Sunday morning and it was such a blessing. When I came out, it was then they were telling me who it was. Let's give her a little round of applause by God's grace. Amen.

[Sister sings. –Ed.]

Praise His wonderful Name. Amen! Hallelujah! Glory! I will quard this joy in my heart. Amen. The assurance in His Presence is real. Blessed be His wonderful Name. I want to ask Him let me live right here. Glory. I think she—you wrote that yourself, right? She wrote that herself. The second time she ever sang in church Sunday morning and today and God gave her a wonderful song. So you see how sometimes we sit and we have a little retreat like that and it seems like it's nothing came out of it. Look what came out of it. Do you see what I mean? You heard the song and you think that she wrote it and she's still shy to say she wrote it. So she just came and sang it and made us think she heard it on the radio or something. That is what humility is, you know. And we thank God for that, that God blessed her like that not just to sing but to write it; to sing it and then to write it; the type of song

that can really express what the Lord has done for us, what we feel and how we want to cherish it and the value we put upon it, to keep it, knowing that if that light shines it could be a real influence to others by God's grace. We certainly thank God for things like that and the encouragement. Amen.

You know when you think that each flower has its own peculiar character, its own color, its own shape, its own form, its own evolvement and you see how God takes people with different personalities and give them different type of songs, it just shows God is interested in the needs in the Body because when they minister to the Body, the Body is such a diverse Body it takes a diverse ministry to minister to a diverse Body.

So we thank God for that. Just someone else again come by God's grace. Praise His wonderful Name. I mean the Holy Spirit is here. This is not by might or by power this is by His Spirit. You don't have to feel inspired. If you just feel the Spirit just brood down and it's not who sing first or who sing second already. If you didn't sing yet come and sing by God's grace. Amen. We have Bro. Roger. You know he was in Tobago all the time, for the last few months, three or four months out there on Sundays, weekends, going to Tobago as a little back-up guitarist/musician across there in the service, in the work we're doing in Tobago and that little season has terminated and he's back at base. So let just give him a round of applause. Glad to have him back, amen, from the foreign field. [Bro. Vin laughs. -Ed.] Praise God. Trust that he has no jet lag today. [Bro. Vin laughs. -Ed.] Hallelujah. And he wants to sing for the glory of God, amen. Praise His wonderful Name.

[Bro. Roger gives a short testimony. -Ed.]

"God bless you saints. It's a privilege to be back. You know, gathered with the saints to continue to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. You know being out there was a wonderful experience for me, you know, to know that God could take a person like me who was you know

wretched and vile, you know and yet He could see something in me that He could use to bring honor and glory to His Name. And I recognize it's really His grace. So I just want to continue to praise Him and worship Him. Just like to sing this song, "Fill me with Your mighty power, fill me with Your glory, fill me with Your love, for the world to see Your Light shines in me and You shine in me."

[Bro. Roger sings. -Ed.]

Amen. Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus. Amen. Well Sis. Allert here will come here and sing and the saints. If we're short of the saints who does back-up, I guess we have some who could fall in spontaneous and give her the little back-up she needs by God's grace, amen. Our precious sister here wrote a lovely song as well going through some hard trials and I think she sang it a couple times.

[Sis. Kim Allert speaks and then sings, Almighty God Delivered Me . –Ed.]

"God bless you Saints. You know I was trying to come up here so long to sing, to sing a particular song; not this one but..."

[Sis. Kim says] "I would need help from Bro. Oba. This song is called Lord give me the grace and strengthen my faith."

[Sis. Kim Allert and Bro. Oba Walker sing, Song # 761, Songs That Live -Ed.]

Amen. Certainly appreciate that very, very much. Amen. Very unique. You know you have the ear to listen its very unique and you can see it has come from far. It's actually the Spirit singing out in prayer, you know, praying out but in song. The two songs that she wrote is like that and you know it's something very unique when you see. It's one of the original strings that go all the way back. So we thank God for that. Amen. Certainly know it enriched what God has given and the little portion of the Bride of Jesus Christ in this side, amen; this part of the world that God has certainly

given us a great variety and that's why I believe that you take your ministry to heart. You will continue to be a blessing to people around the world as you have been. And sometimes you can't go in your own person but your soul, your song, your music.

Bro. Ernie called me and he even asked me to convey to the singers and the musicians, you know a special, special thanks again because different songs, he's just calling out all the different songs. You know we had the dinner when he was here after the meeting out at Sung's Great Wall Restaurant for the saints who had been in Canada on the trip and he was so thankful that after he went back and you know, shared the music with other people in different places; to see the effect that it had and even the testimony that he had personally of being here and being able to be among you.

So you know little things like this, this is like the birth place; in little meetings like this is the birthplace of it and you see it and you know it's the Spirit coming up. And then from there it's like a little puff of smoke. It goes up into the atmosphere and the winds take it and next thing you know it influences another part of the globe. It cross national barriers, it cross continental barriers and is a blessing in so many different places. We certainly appreciate that by God's grace.

I wonder if we have someone from deep down South. Amen. Close to Venezuela somewhere down there by God's grace. Hallelujah! Amen. So let's have some, amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Glory! Let's just give them a round of applause as they come by God's grace. Hallelujah! This is a solo? Amen.

[Sister sings. –Ed.]

Amen. Glory! Amen. That is what they call a big solo. That is a 'Jaliter.' [Local two litre bottle soft drink. -Ed.] Amen. That couldn't be anything else, amen. If it was more than a 'solo' [160z bottle of soft drink -Ed.] I tell us we're in trouble. We have to rebuild this part of the church. Amen. Thank God. Praise God, amen. Glory!

Who feel to worship the Lord here? Who feel to sing a praise to the Lord Jesus; sing a song for the Bride? Amen. Glory!

[A brother says]

"This is just a short chorus. Each and every one of us could sing it. It just means a lot to me because of my experience by God's grace."

[The Bro. sings *I will praise the Lord*. –Ed.]

Amen. Well you're going to have a very powerful lunch today. If we don't get some of what we had this morning out of our system we won't be able to take in that lunch and if we do take it in we may have to go and look for a place to go and lay down somewhere in the back and won't be able to do anything for the rest of the day. So I think we really need to burn some of that out by God's grace and make room because we have a lot of things before the day is over. But I was just thinking you know. I remember couple of years ago I think it could be, if it is that far back we had youth convention, Sis. Carol and they sang a song on "Lead me, lead me Lord." I was just thinking about that right now, amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Hallelujah!

[Sis. Carol and sisters sing, Lead me, lead me Lord. -Ed.]

Amen. Praise His Name. Glory! I just want to read a couple of Scriptures for you here as a singer. Something maybe you could keep with you in your heart. In the days to come until we have another session like this, this can be something that can be of influence to you and when you would step out to sing in the Assembly, to be active in the ministry that God have call you to, you'd remember the Scripture, these couple Scriptures and it would serve to be an inspiration to you. In 1st Chronicles when David was anointed king and they were setting up the system of worship, putting everything in place that God could be praised in the midst of Israel now that they had the right king. Saul was the king that the people had chosen but God finally had a man after his own heart. And so when

the Word had come to pass everything was being put in place a little Scripture here out of 1st Chronicles 6 verse 31 it says:

³¹ And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest.

They brought the ark up on the shoulder of the Levites. It was the Word being brought to its right place. The ark was the symbol of Jehovah's Presence among the people, the Ark of the Covenant and so now it had its resting place. They had travelled through the wilderness; they had come over into the land; they had not yet built the temple but they had the tabernacle worship set up and the Ark had its rest and now David saw it fit to set the service of song in the house of the Lord in order and he says:

³² And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing,

...they ministered before the dwelling place of tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.

It was a service. It was an administration in the house of God. The Word of the Lord was amongst them. The kingdom was being established. The ones who were to minister in song they were brought together. They were placed out in their categories. They understood, "I sing in the choir. I sing as an individual or I sing in a group here or there is a quartet here or this is..." They sang the victory song. They sang the song when they were maybe going to offer the sacrifice. These sang the song when they had a time of mourning or consecration. But they were all in their categories and they waited on their office according to their order.

There's an order in the administration. A person who is called, who is anointed and who is placed and then they know the place they fit into and they wait until their time comes and when it comes they are ready; they are prepared to make themselves available. Just sitting here this evening we hear different songs expressing different moods, different expressions of the Lord and relationship in going forth to possess what is yours; songs of adoration, song in prayer crying out to God, pleading. And so we've come to all those places and in the Body we have people who have all those needs. And it says,

³³ And these are they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel,

³⁴ [And] the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, ³⁵ The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the

son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

They go to call all the names; each one in their place; each one in their category; people who understand that when the service takes a certain order they are expected to be called and they have that discernment. They follow the move of the Spirit. They see what the Spirit wants and so from the time they can step in, they can step right into the channel because they know where they fit in into the whole program of God. There is a beautiful Scripture also in Psalms. I would like to read a couple of places there for you. I think this is if I understand what I wrote there that should be Psalms 57 verse 7. David said:

⁷ My heart is fixed, my heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

He didn't say, "I will sing and give praise and trust that God fix my heart." He said:

⁷ My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

God fixed the heart. How many knows God is a great heart fixer? He gives you a new heart; He gives you a new spirit; He pours His Spirit. What is God doing? Fixing the heart; bringing it to a depth of faith and experience! Take fire into your bosom, amen. It burns when you come. Your house is all on fire by God's grace. Your heart is fixed. *I will sing and give praise*. Psalms 59 verse 16, it says:

But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

I want you to catch this!

...I will sing of thy power;

Sometimes you, as a singer, you see the church is on the retreat. This one crying out they're sick. When you hear them ask for healing is almost like, "God, I wonder if God still heals. It's the doctor; I have to go to the doctor and you see the church is on retreat. When you catch that he said,

¹⁶ ...I will sing of thy power; for thou hast been my defense and my refuge...

In other words, God knows that the way He anoints His Church; the way He keeps them lifted; the way He keeps them focused in the battle and in the promise, is through His ministries; through His ministering spirits ministering to them. And so David says, "I'll sing of thy power." I'll sing of how God opened the Red Sea. I'll sing of how God slew that Goliath in that day. I'll sing of how God broke down the walls of Jericho. I'll sing of how God created a ram for Abraham. I'll sing a song of Thy Power that could remind the people that our God is all powerful. There will be faith in the camp that when I sing, my people, they'll be lifted up. They'll not be defeated. They'll not be cast down. They will not be defeated. I will look at my people and see where they

are hurting and where they're suffering. I will look at my people and see where they stand wondering whether our God is still a God of paradoxes Who could perform miracles and I will sing of Thy power. And when the people of God know that our God is omnipotent, He's the Almighty God, think of where the Church can be friends, in your ministry to minister strength. In Psalms 101 verse 1, he says:

I will sing of mercy and [justice:] unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

Catch this! One time he wants to sing of God's power; one time he wants to sing of God's mercy; one time he wants to sing of God's justice. He's a singer. He's ministering in song but he can sing of God's power when he needs to sing of God's power. He can sing of God's mercy that the backslider can be restored. He can sing of God mercy and the sinner can have their sins forgiven. He can sing of God's mercy and people who need a pardon, they need pardoning grace they come to know that our God is rich in mercy, is rich in love. They can sing a song they can lift Him up that they have need of Him. He said:

¹ I will sing of mercy and [justice:] unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

And look at this great Saint Paul over in the New Testament in 1st Corinthians 15. Now catch this quickly as I read them for you. Now when the Ark was set in order and found its resting place they choose these who ministered in song and every man waited on their order. Then David now is saying, "My heart is fixed Lord." Catch this singer. He sees the Ark come; he sees the Word come to Its place; he sees the Word is in the right channel; he sees the Word is resting; he knows the Levites have packed the Word; he knows now is the time for praise and worship. He knows his category. Know your category. Recognize where the Word is. Recognize the Word is being brought to Its spot and know that your heart has been fixed. My heart is fixed and I will

sing Lord and when I start to sing Lord, knowing that I'm called to sing, I'm going to sing in my order. Lord, I'll sing of Your Power. Lord, I'll sing of Your mercy. Lord I'll sing of Your justice. And look at Saint Paul here in 1st Corinthians 14:15, he says:

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

A man whose heart is fixed, who has understanding and he's singing with the understanding and when he sings with the understanding he sings of the power of God; when he sings with the understanding, he sings of the mercy of God because he's ministering in song. His heart is fixed. God has been his defense. And so when God has fixed your heart and He has given you understanding of His mercy, of His power, you have experienced these things in your life and now you've become a channel, an instrument, to minister that to the Body and when you sing you sing with the understanding. You pray with the understanding.

And my last Scripture I want to read for you is 2nd Chronicles 20. This was in the time of Jehoshaphat. This was a time the people of God were under great invasion, great catastrophe; great crisis. A time of trouble had set in. Jehoshaphat didn't know what to do but God was rich in grace and mercy. The Spirit fell upon a Levite and he prophesied. He said, "Stand still. You won't have to fight for this battle. This battle is the Lord's battle." And God showed Jehoshaphat what to do when He was fixing to move on behalf of His people.

I believe we are in a similar time. We are living in a time of trouble. We are living in an Hour of crisis. The whole world is again falling apart. Hell is being created on the earth. All you have to do is walk out in the street, go down to Couva and go down to Port-of-Spain and San Fernando [Places in Trinidad –Ed.] and you realize the world is falling apart. It's gone. You see what the people give

their energy and their money and their substance and they live for. Then tomorrow you see they put on their bank clothes and they go in the bank. Put on the nice clothes in the government office and they go there. And then all the penitent, who are supposed to be penitent go to get their ashes but that isn't the Red Heifer. That isn't the ashes of the Red Heifer I guarantee you that. You see? But watch something here. In this time of trouble, it says:

²⁰ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah,

Do you know who Judah was? Judah used to march first. Judah means praise. He said, "Let Judah go first." Praise always went first. And you all spiritually are the tribe of Judah. You all are where God's praise comes forth, that goes forth first. Read everywhere in the battle Judah went first, showing that praise goes forth first.

...and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem;

Do you know what Jerusalem means? Foundations of peace!

Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness,

We talked about singing in the Spirit and singing with understanding. We talked about when your heart is fixed, you sing praise. We talk about singers. Sing of power, of His justice, of His mercy; singers worshipping the Lord in the beauty of His holiness. Think of these Scriptures! As I say when this coming week and next

week and the other week until we come back when you know you going out to sing, you have to sing in church and your ministry and remember this time and say, "Lord, I know it's recorded. If You show back Your great video, even we show back ours here, my hand was lifted when I said I wanted a little greater measure of the anointing for Your service. Lord, I could be just like it was in the Bible because I believe those days have come back. The Word has been restored."

...he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

²² And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

When they begin to sing, God set an ambush. Watch God working with His people in an Hour of crisis under invasion. Watch God setting up His defense to bring deliverance to His people; to vanquish the enemy; to give His people triumph and watch the mechanics; watch the strategy; watch the methods God employed to deal with the enemy: appointed singers, praise, worshipping the Lord in a certain way and the Spirit of God set the ambush.

Watch when God was going to prophesy, "Get the minstrel. Play the music." The prophet got in the spirit and prophesied. Music, singing is important. It's not just a church program. It's God's order. It's not we're organizing because we're trying to occupy young people and get thing for young people to do. We are trying to awaken people to become conscious of their calling in Christ; of their place in the Word; of the channel of inspiration that they can work with to find the fulfillment and the blessing and the real enjoyment in

their life, where the Holy Spirit can work with them in such a way to make them a real representative of Jesus Christ; to fulfill a calling that God has given to them in this life.

Let us bow our heads for a word of prayer. Why don't you just slip your hand, you brothers to brothers, sisters to sisters, just hold the person's hand right next to you as we all unite here and you pray for your sister; you pray for your brother.

Lord my brother, my sister is here. They are in this meeting because they are desiring to serve You to take part in a ministry that they feel something in their heart want to respond to that call. Maybe some don't fully understand it. Some have never participated at a certain level. Some are more experienced than others. Each one's order is different. Each one waits on their order. There's a time and season for every purpose under Heaven. But God Who is all in all and over us all, may by a surge of His Divine Presence may He endow us with something that we can be better equipped; if it is just the knowledge of how to work with the Spirit; if it is just a greater faith to use what we already have; if it's a greater anointing to throw us out into deeper realms with the Spirit so we could operate and see greater things happen that we could be more effective in our ministry to fulfill this great office that God could set ambushes, break the powers of the enemy when he tries to invade the homes; invade the church; invade the lives of the people we could have great victory.

Almighty God, the Word we have just read is Your Word and You said, "Heaven and earth will pass away but Your Word will never pass away." And gracious Father, we have sang here today different ones whom You have blessed singing dear God; each one unique in their own way; each one in its own designated place where they fit in the Body and then through each

contribution, the Body fitly joined and compacted together by the measure which every joint supplieth.

And surely oh God, we can see a ministry growing in greater harmony daily, people growing into greater awareness and consciousness; young people Father; people whom You've called and placed in this Hour just like it was in the Bible. And reading these passages of Scriptures, Lord we see that You are a God of mercy, of power, of judgment and You have a people to worship You in the beauty of holiness and sing of these things Lord. You are a God Who fixes the heart of Your people that they can minister dear God in the capacity that You have given to them and their position where You have placed them. We have seen a measure of it exhibited right here before us today but there is a desire as we come to a greater realization of the need and of the Hour and of the scope and the magnitude You can function in dear God; You can manifest Yourself and You desire to manifest Yourself in that we can come up to that spot where we can see the Holy Spirit using each one.

We think of little Maria dear God in the youth convention just last year Father singing the first time and seeing dear God and even we have a little sister here writing this little, beautiful song and singing it here today. Precious Jesus, You are a God in simplicity. You are a God in humility. We don't want to be stumbling over it daily but we want to recognize it Father. We think of different ones You blessed to write song right here, such beautiful songs. Even as our Sis. Liz wrote just recently Father, fresh; Psalms that the saints have sang, "Undefiled" and the voices that You have given unto them Lord, the talents.

Gracious God, as Your servant Father, together with these Your other servants, uniting our hearts and our faith together and looking unto You, pour out Your Spirit in a greater way. Pour out the anointing, oh God. As it were, fill Your horn with Oil and pour it down into our souls. Give such joy dear God and give such

insight. Stimulate such faith and give such revelation oh God. And Father, each one after today, looking forth into their own lives and in the days to follow as they would function in Your service, would see an increase; would see a greater measure Father coming out; a greater strength; a greater hold upon the Word; a greater working with the Spirit in harmony Lord to bring a greater blessing to Your Church that is in such great need at this time Father; not just here but around the world. Almighty God, may You grant it Father.

Bless the musicians especially as they labor, day and night Father giving their time. The Song Leaders, oh God, stand to supervise and lead the people in worship with the support of the singers and the musicians. The songwriters dear God that wait upon You for inspiration with an open heart standing the watch to see what You will say to them, that it all can work Lord that praise might be perfected. You say, "In the mouth of babes and sucklings You will perfect praise." You have ordained strength. May You grant it Father!

Bless them in a special way and make great, mighty servants out of them and may their ministry prosper and flourish and may it serve to be a channel to inspire many others who are yet to discover the potential within them and may even for the elder ones, they lay such a plain path that it ministers an entrance to the others coming behind. And most of all may the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus Christ in the revelation of Your Word, Lord be so deeply rooted and established within their hearts. May the knowledge of God so fill their minds and their souls dear God that they would be vessels of honor prepared unto every good work, fit for the Master's use; live, clean, undefiled life, whole lives, pure lives knowing that You have put them before the people and You have influence and they will walk with the consciousness of how to carry about themselves; that You will bless them and You will supply their every need: physically, spiritually, materially, emotionally,

socially; in whatever way Father. You the God Who is all in all will lead them into all things.

May You continue Lord to let them know that when they please You; when they serve You; when they're obedient to You, they will never lack anything Father. How we thank You for that today. May Your grace be with us all! May the desire in our hearts is to serve You and live for You! Grant it Father. We thank You and we praise You. We ask all these mercies in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name, amen.

Let's see if we can have "Undefiled" before we go, amen. "Undefiled, living pure lives" (amen) and God be with you and give you a good lunch break and I don't know. We had a session for this evening if it's going to be; if you have questions on any particular thing we may continue on the same line if we need to or if we'll be diversified we can be so don't just... Whatever you have in your heart you have a question or whatever to write it out if you have a suggestion as well, please feel free to make it and may God bless you.

[Saints sing Song # 704, Songs That Live -Ed.]

