

## **EXPERIENCING the POWER of “ONE ACCORD”**

*“...they lifted up their voice to God with one accord...And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:24, 31-33 (KJV)*



### ***This Week’s Thought – August 28, 2016***

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*“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.” Revelation 4:1-2 (NIV)*

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God’s Voice has not vanished. He has not lost His Voice because of overuse. His Vocal cords are not strained but strong. God does not cough or become congested. His Voice is clear and intelligible. His Voice is all around us; if we would just look, listen and be in awe.

John wrote earlier about Jesus standing at the door of a life, waiting to be invited in—now the Lord opens the door to heaven and invites John to come in and experience Him. The Voice of God sounds like a trumpet, similar to the sound of the trumpet announcing the resurrection of the dead in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:16). The Lord is drawing John closer to His throne of grace and worship so He might reveal to His humble servant His vision of things to come. Worship and grace escort us into the presence of our heavenly Father—who is ready to show us His ways.

*“God’s voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding.” (Job 37:5)*

The power of His Voice is applied in our life. His Voice can be stern in discipline or tender in grace. The powerful Voice of Jesus called Lazarus back from the dead, and on the cross He interceded to His Heavenly Father for forgiveness on behalf of His enemies. God’s Voice is majestic and regal. He is enthroned above all His creation. Jesus is our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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When He speaks, we listen. His words matter most. The Bible is the wisdom of His words in written form. His Voice speaks through the pages of Scripture. So, take what He tells you and obediently apply it to your life. Use your voice to pray for people who are dead in their sin and in need of a Savior. Lift up your voice on behalf of others who have offended or hurt you. God indeed is attentive to hear your voice.

Tell others what Christ tells you. Those of us who hear the Voice of God cannot keep quiet. Be a clear conduit for His Voice to speak. The Voice of God is clear and comprehensible to the ears of a humble heart.

*“The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.” (Psalm 29:3)*

**Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “Worship Me in the beauty of holiness. I created beauty to declare the existence of My Holy Being. A magnificent rose, a glorious sunset, oceanic splendor—all those things were meant to proclaim My Presence in the world. How precious are My children who are awed by nature’s beauty; this opens them up to my My Holy Presence. Even before you knew Me personally, you responded to My creation with wonder. Declare My glorious Being to the world. The whole earth is full of My radiant beauty—My Glory!” (Psalm 29:2; 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 6:3)**

*“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)*

Yours in Christ, Pastor King