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Greetings from Germany!

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It is a great joy for me to minister to you through this edition of our magazine. Our Almighty God is upholding all things by the Word of His power. That Word has become alive for us, and in Him we live and move and have our being. What a privilege to have the Creator living inside of us!

**Rejoice in this revelation today: “.....Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col.1:27).**

I pray that the Lord may enlighten your eyes to see this revelation which will take you from one level of glory into another level of glory. Meditate upon the Word and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal this mystery to you in your spirit. As you catch this revelation, your life will never be the same. This revelation brought a great transformation to my life and ministry as well as to the lives of untold thousands of our trainees. The Holy Spirit helped me to bring out this powerful truth in our Daily Devotion “See yourself in Christ daily”. Already eight months are printed, and now we are writing the next four months. Kindly uphold us in your prayers for prophetic insight and revelations.

Thank you so much for your prayers for our seminar in Augsburg, Germany. It was so powerful! The Holy Spirit did mighty things in people’s lives. All glory to God! Continue to pray for the Gospel to sweep Europe with its full life-giving power. As always, we are the winning party and the devil is defeated.

I feel an ever increasing burden in my spirit to bring forth all the revelations God has entrusted to me for the budding generations. We cannot waste a single second. This is the time I need much prayer. Please pray for our New Testament Commentary recordings and especially for professional but also deeply spiritual media and literature teams to help us in this task which will change many people’s eternal destiny.

We are going to have our youth festival ZOE’13 from May 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> at Yesu Pannai, Theni, Tamil Nadu. We will come from Germany for this meeting as well as for a meeting in Pastor Joseph Balachandran’s church on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Pray for thousands to come and become a mighty weapon in the hands of the Lord and for the mighty manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

We are planning our forth women’s batch of School of the Holy Spirit in the month of July. God is raising a mighty army of women for His End Time revival. Don’t hesitate to send sisters who have a deep desire to serve Jesus from your family and church. We are overwhelmed to hear the powerful testimonies from

our ladies and their families. LADIES, THIS IS YOUR TIME. RISE UP FOR JESUS!

Our next three months men's batch of our School of the Holy Spirit will be held from August 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. Pray for it, attend and become a different person. Pray for all our upcoming programs. Keep visiting our website [www.ezekiahfrancis.org](http://www.ezekiahfrancis.org) and our Facebook page EzekiahFrancis for updates, and follow us on Twitter EzekiahBPM.

Continue to pray for our European TV programs in German language. Pray also for my dear wife, our aged parents, counselors, key leaders, coordinators, staff and partners.

God will bless you and your generations as you stand with this God-raised ministry!

With love and heartfelt prayers,

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# INTENSE INTIMACY

DR. EZEKIAH FRANCIS

In the days ahead, God will use only those who long for a closer intimacy with Him. Our goal should not be thirty or sixty but hundred percent.

In a Christian life, a hunger and thirst for God is a must. Take a look at the lives of those whom God has used mightily in the past. They were not satisfied if they merely did not backslide. They were at least one step higher than the average ministers.

Can a student who aims at just a pass mark secure the first rank in his class? Similarly in a christian life, we should not be satisfied with merely praying, giving and preaching well.

Our goal should, we should take a vow to love God more than anyone else and receive all the blessings that He has in store for us. Only those who move above the normal boundary do unusual things for God! Peter is a very good example.

## Inner Circle

Among the thronging crowd, Jesus chose twelve disciples to be with Him. From the outer circle they stepped into the inner circle. They gave up all that they had to have this privilege. Of these twelve, three stuck even closer to him. They asked him questions and learnt what the others did not know. They stood by Christ and saw special miracles that the others did not see! In other words, they had come to the inner most circle! Of these three, Peter held the first place!

We earlier saw that, as far as ministry is concerned, we should not be with in a smaller circle. Jesus taught Peter this. Our ministry circle should keep on expanding We should not stop with ministering only to our church, our city and

our region. We should desire to be a blessing to the whole world.

However in our relationship with Him, we should be the opposite. We should not be one among the many in the outer circle. But we should have fellowship with Him in the innermost circle. Like Peter, we should desire to love Him more than any one else. Like John we should lean on His bosom.

Every person has many levels of relationships. For example, I love all men. I have special love to ministers of God. Next, the trainees who have been trained at Berachah Prophetic Ministries, key leaders, Prayer warriors, my counsellors, my family members. Thus we have an outer and an inner circle.

Our beloved Lord invites us to the inner chamber and longs for a deeper intimacy with us. Though I have various kinds of relationships, I always find that the 'Jesus and me' relationship exceeds all the others.

This is what I like most about Peter. He always claimed a special place with Jesus. He will use those who say, "I am not satisfied with just an ordinary relationship with you. Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord".

Many disciples went back and walked no more with Jesus. "***You do not want to leave too, do you?***" Jesus asked the twelve (Jn.6:67). Before the others could answer, Peter spoke up, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" He thrilled the heart of God.

## More Love

Jesus had a plan to entrust Him with greater responsibilities. That is why after His resurrection, He asked Peter "***Simon, son of John, do you truly***

*love me than these?"* (Jn.21:15). In spite of denying Jesus thrice, Peter did not doubt his love for Jesus and vehemently replied, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you" (Jn. 21:15)

### **Great Desire**

It was dark all around. Waves lashed the side of the boat. The disciples trembled on the storm tossed sea. Amidst this confusion and chaos, a soft radiance lit a corner of the lake. Here comes Jesus walking on the water. Fear gripped their hearts and they thought it was ghost. Jesus roared, "It is I, do not be afraid". Immediately Peter said, ***"If it is you command me to walk on the water and come to you.."*** What a love! How he longed to draw near to Jesus! Wonder how he got the desire to walk on the water like Jesus! How did that desire and faith arise in Peter even before he could hear Jesus' proclamation ***"He that believeth in me shall do the things that I do"***. That only portrays the intensity of his relationship with Jesus!

Jesus was overwhelmed with joy and said, "Come". So strong his desire to go to Jesus that he came out of the boat and dared to step on the water. He even started walking. The fear of death did not hold him. In fact, he did not walk on the water but on His Word (Mt. 14:28).

Dearly beloved, will you love Him more than anyone else? Will you walk on His word? Or will you sit like the remaining eleven disciples in the security of a rocking boat? Will you attempt to walk differently like Peter? Three out of the twelve. One out of three. Like Peter will you strive hard to be one among the three.

In spiritual things, such a desire is an absolute necessity. The need of the hour, is not those who are satisfied with a normal ministry, but who will trust His Word and dare to attempt great things for God. Only such people will do mighty miracles in the days to come.

I once heard about a healing minister. Even before praying for healing, he would ask the lame to throw away their crutches. This is daring faith. What was the reason for Peter to be filled with this holy boldness? His love for Jesus and His faith in Him was much higher than that of an average person. He had a unique desire. In these last days God will take and use such people. He will entrust them with the key of revival.

### **On the Mount of Transfiguration**

***"After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John, the brother of James and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them"*** (Mt.17:1-2). Often Jesus went alone to pray. But on that night He wanted His disciples to see Him in glory. He gave them the privilege of seeing heavenly experiences.

In these last days, God is going to grant glorious experiences to those who live close to Him. Some of His friends will enthrall us with their unusual God-given experiences. Some of those experiences cannot be comprehended by an analytic brain.

We have heard how certain ministers have gone to heaven in their spirit, and explained what they saw there. Such experiences will increase in the days ahead.

When Peter saw the bright cloud and heard the voice of God, he fell down in His awesome presence and was unable to rise up for a while. In these last days such supernatural experiences are going to be a natural phenomenon.

Peter went everywhere with Jesus. He had personally witnessed great miracles. He was amazed to see the daughter of Jairus being raised from the dead. The other disciples saw sick people being healed. But Peter saw greater miracles.

People live. Many do ministry! All die. But only a few make history. Their lives are a challenge to others.

Enoch and Noah crossed the boundaries of an average relationship and reached greater heights with God.

When everyone was behind the river, Abraham took a bold step to go beyond the river. Many Kings lived and died. But David stood head shoulders above the rest. He received the honour of being called a man after God's own heart. Many sons of the prophets stayed back. Some in Jericho, some in Gilgal, some in Bethel and some in Jordan. But Elisha stood in the forefront.

The voice of God thunders, "In these last days, I will do mighty miracles through those who draw closer to my heart and I will give them phenomenal experiences".



Friend, are you going to live as an average believer? Will you be satisfied with an ordinary ministry? Or do you long to be a Peter in the mount of transfiguration? Would you like to delight with Elijah, Moses and our beloved Saviour?

Or do you want to be in the valley with other disciples staggering to cast out demons. The Lord is waiting with outstretched arms and beckons you to a deeper relationship. Step into the innermost circle!

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord  
To the Cross where thou hast died  
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord  
To thy precious bleeding side*

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# ***SUPER-CHARGE YOUR BRAIN***

**Rev. Benita Francis**

Dear family of God, as we have seen, our brain is the most amazing wonder of God's creation! Every impulse, everything you see, hear, touch, smell or taste, is converted into electrical impulses so that your brain can understand it. All of that happens at lightning speed. Yet there is more to it:

When you see a scene, your brain doesn't perceive it as an entity. Your brain actually extracts vertical lines, horizontal lines, circles and squares, and stores each of them in a separate place! Imagine!!! Even the colors are stored in separate places, as well as the distance and the speed in the case of a moving object.

It's a pure miracle how your brain again brings all these informations together and makes you perceive them as one picture - and all of that at such an amazing speed that you never even know how much work your brain has done the moment you open your eyes and before you even perceive your surroundings! Doesn't this just make you want to worship your wonderful Creator!?!

Now imagine, that is just the brain of ANY person on this planet - but you are a born-again, Spirit-filled child of the Most High God! (If you don't understand what I'm talking about, please refer to the end of this book). You are so much more - you actually HAVE the MIND of CHRIST, the Anointed One, the Living Word, the Creator God (1.Co.2:16)!

Is there ANYTHING impossible for you to understand or to learn?!? Our Lord Jesus Himself said that ALL things are possible with God, and ALL things are possible to him who believes

(Mt.19:26; Mk.9:3; 10:27). So WHY should you fear that test or that exam???

Throughout life, your neural networks reorganize and reinforce themselves in response to new stimuli and learning experiences. The more you learn, the more your learning capacity actually increases! This body-mind interaction stimulates brain cells to grow and connect with each other by extending branches of intricate nerve fibers called dendrites (from the Latin word for "tree"). These are the antennas through which neurons receive communication from each other.

**One healthy, well-functioning neuron can be directly linked to tens of thousands of other neurons, creating a totality of more than a hundred trillion connections! Each of these is capable of performing 200 calculations per second!**

This is the structural basis of your brain's memory capacity and thinking ability! Research shows that the storage capacity of our memories is practically unlimited. Can you now understand that even the greatest genius would have used maximum 6% of a human brain's ability?

In this last chapter of our brain study, I want to challenge you once again to become all you can be! Use all the potential your Creator has put into you! Never think or say you cannot - because the only thing that can limit you is YOU! As our Lord Jesus says so clearly: "According to your faith let it be to you" (Mt.9:29).

As science and understanding of brain processes progress, new learning techniques are being found out. I want to share a few of them with you here to help you maximize your brain.



## **Super-learning foundations**

It is so true, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil.4:13)! You can perceive, understand, learn and remember ANYTHING you want to, you just need to make the decision that you WANT to do so! Your brain will store and record what YOU consider important.

Imagine! Your God calls all the stars by name and brings out their host by name! By the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing (Ps.147:4; Isa.40:26)! He upholds the glorious universe and all things by the Word of His power (Heb.1:3)! In the Garden of Eden, Adam had the mental capacity to name AND remember ALL the animals (Ge.2:20)! Do you think he had to go to the giraffe and say, “Excuse me, what was the name I had given you?” If this was the brain capacity of Adam, how much more is your capacity as the holy Temple of the mighty Holy Spirit of your Lord and best friend Jesus, the Second Adam (1.Co.3:16; 1.Co.15:45)! So why should you fear and worry? Will your unbelief not hurt your loving God’s heart?

Many scientists even believe that everything you ever studied is stored somewhere in your brain. The problem is that the links connecting you to the information are somehow corrupt, so that you cannot access the information. A proof for that is the many times you remember AFTER the exam what you just couldn’t remember DURING it! It is therefore important to create as many access paths to the memory as possible. That requires a well-functioning brain with many active neurons and axons with well-working synapses and neurotransmitters.

Let me quickly repeat the foundations for brain fitness. Remember, not the hearer, but the DOER of the word (and even of this teaching) will be blessed (Jas.1:25). If you only hear and read but don’t DO, you are actually building your “brain-house” on the sand, and it will surely fall - most probably exactly at exam-time (Mt.7:24-27). If you don’t build a strong foundation for a healthy brain, no “energy drink” or “brain-booster-

coffee” will help!

### ***Exercise regularly!***

Do at least some aerobic exercises before you sit down to study. In between, get up, run around, jump and dance while you prepare your tea or coffee... use each and every opportunity to move, to get your heart pumping faster. It will pump fresh blood with precious oxygen into your brain! Exercise produces nitric oxide, a molecule that enhances creation of blood vessels throughout the brain. Of course, better brain nutrition means better brain function... so JUMP and DANCE and EXCEL!

### ***Keep your stress levels down!***

Stress kills your precious brain cells that you need so desperately, and it even inhibits the creation of new ones! Performance drops by 50% if you are under chronic stress. See stress as your deadly enemy and fight it with all your strength! REFUSE to worry! That’s a COMMAND of your loving, understanding Lord Jesus, not just a little suggestion (Mt.6:25-34)!

“Be anxious for NOTHING, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all UNDERSTANDING, will guard your hearts and MINDS through Christ Jesus” (Phil.4:6-7). Pray, praise and blast your stress!

### ***Breathe correctly!***

Deep belly breathing is one of the best ways to eliminate stress. It also activates the brain’s theta waves, which is known to improve memory.

### ***Eat healthy!***

Feed your brain from morning onwards! Research has shown all over the world that breakfast skippers have shorter attention spans, lower academic performance and more behavior problems than people who eat a balanced breakfast. Use only full grain products to keep your blood sugar steady. Eat the right proteins and carbohydrates to be fit to study and later on slow down your brain to sleep. Add lots of fresh sprouts, fruit and vegetables. Add flax seed to your diet for brain-building

Omega-3 fatty acids. Eat 5-6 small meals at even intervals. Don't overeat!!! If you feel sluggish after a meal, you ate the wrong thing, and probably also too much of it!

### ***Keep good dental hygiene!***

Tooth and gum disease are highly linked to clogging in your coronaries and also in your carotid arteries, the arteries that send blood to your brain. That means less blood, less oxygen, less nutrition for your brain. Make sure your teeth and gums are healthy and all plaque removed. Dental hygiene improves mental hygiene and produces geniuses!

### ***Drink enough water!***

Your brain needs water to function well, actually 2-4 liters per day. Try drinking a whole bottle of water before you sit down to study, and also before that exam. Your brain will run at top speed!

### ***Give your brain fresh oxygen!***

Study with open windows, or at least cleanse and service your Air Conditioner regularly if you have to study indoors. In my translation ministry, I have always found that words just flow easily when I have some windows open. I can minister for hours and hours without any tiredness. Closed windows, however, produce headache, difficulty to concentrate and to find the right words, as well as mental and even physical exhaustion.

Your brain CRAVES for exercise because exercise provides it with fresh oxygen - but we have built our class rooms and studies in such a way that we just sit for hours on end. Try studying on a treadmill or stationary bike. Just ten minutes of exercise will wash the debris out of your brain and fill it with fresh nutrients, and at the same time you gain heart- and bone-health plus general stamina.

Did you know you can even exercise while sitting on your chair? Stretch your neck, arms and shoulders from time to time. Keep your legs moving. Paint circles in the air with your toes. Stretch and relax your legs. Move your arms and legs as though you were running at top speed.

You will breathe more deeply and increase your heart rate. Your stomach and back muscles will be strengthened and protect you from those "whole-day-sitting back pains". Do that from time to time, as well as stretching exercises, and watch your brain efficiency and memory span increase.

One special brain-health-exercise is something you should do only during your studies at home, since most teachers feel offended by it. It is chewing gum! The chewing movement increases blood flow to your brain, and you will be able to concentrate and remember better. Use sugar-free gum to avoid blood-sugar hikes and crashes. No, I am NOT joking...

### ***Get enough restful, uninterrupted sleep!***

Intellectual performance after four hours of sleep is only 50% of what it could be after eight hours of sleep! Get a good mattress and pillow. Have a comfortable sleeping temperature. Use a mosquito net, NOT chemical repellants, since they very much affect the brain.

Put thick curtains to keep your bedroom dark. Shut out disturbances like light and sound. If there is much noise around, try keeping very soft, instrumental background music in your room. "White noise creators" play sounds of ocean waves, waterfalls, rain or other soothing background sounds to help your brain relax and not get shocked and startled at every sudden noise from outside.

### ***Don't clog your brain!***

Avoid brain overload! If you need to study for an exam, don't put a lot of competing impulses into your brain. They will just "crowd out" what you tried so hard to learn! Emotions, sight and sound are very strong memory builders. So if you watch that touching or exciting movie, you can be sure you remember more of the movie than of your studies the next day.

Keep not only a restricted calorie "healthy-food-diet" but also a "low-input-diet" during exam preparation times. Concentrate on the essentials, and you will remember easily.



## Super-learning techniques

Well. Now that we have laid the foundation, we can go into the strategies and techniques. You can decide which ones to apply for different tasks. I would suggest that you try all of them and see which suits you best.

As we have seen, our brain has infinite storage capacity - the only problem is how to file the information so you can easily access it at any time. Memory systems improve your memory by creating a filing cabinet in your mind. What memory systems do is help your brain go from chaos to order! Wow! Imagine how much easier your life will be!

### ***No multi-tasking!***

Your brain is not really able to multi-task. It is a sequential processor. Large fractions of a second are consumed every time the brain switches tasks. Driving while talking on a cell phone is actually like driving drunk! Reaction time is half a second longer, and therefore cell-phone-talkers cause many accidents. Studies have shown that error rate goes up 50% and it takes up to FOUR times longer to finish a task when people are interrupted by phone calls, e-mails or instant messages. If you really want to study, switch off your phone (at least the sound) for a specific time frame of uninterrupted work. Then take a break, check your calls, mails, messages, respond to the urgent ones, and switch off all interruptions for the next work round.

### ***Repeat and recite!***

Memories are extremely volatile. The human brain can only hold about seven pieces of information at a time, and that for less than 30 seconds. If you don't repeat the input, it just disappears from your brain. Studies show that most forgetting occurs within the first few minutes after the impulse reached your brain. If you don't re-expose yourself to the information, your brain considers it unimportant and discards it. Instead of being encoded as a memory, it just evaporates into hot air.

If you recite the information to yourself or to others, instead of forgetting it you will save it in

long-term memory. You achieve the best results if you recite the information out aloud from your memory and then double-check with your written notes.

### ***Ask-answer-discuss!***

A sure way to encode memory is the process of "ask-answer-discuss". Form your own questions and answer them out loud for yourself. If you have to study a book, read first the headings. Make each heading into a question, and note down the answers you find as you read the book. You can create your own study manual about that book and use it for many years.

If you do a good job now, you will never again need to read that book! Your study manual will give you all the information you need by just one time flipping through it. By involving and challenging your own intellect instead of just trying to store information, you multiply your memory performance, increase your intelligence and make your hippocampus grow lots of new neurons!

### ***Observe the right timings!***

Timings also play a very important role for memory building. After about ten minutes of listening to a teaching, attention drops dramatically. You must do something emotionally relevant (like cracking a joke) every ten minutes to regain the attention of an audience - and the attention of your own brain! You will get the best results if you repeat the information you studied 90 to 120 minutes after the initial learning.

### ***Make your own flash cards!***

Write the question or the concept on the front. On the back, write the answer or the explanation. Test yourself repeatedly during the day. You can take these cards with you and make your bus- or train-travels perfect study experiences!

### ***Use visualization and association!***

This is the best memory trick used by professional memory performers. They learn entire phone books or the order of 52 cards in a deck (or even various decks) by heart. If you have trouble remembering your school work, or facts related to your job, or current events, or people's names, or

any other type of information, the solution is to use visualization and association as a personal habit every day.

You don't need to be a genius to surprise everybody with your memory skills if you use this simple technique. It is based on the brain's ability to encode pictures and emotional events much stronger than just the letters you read. It also uses concentration (you actively work with the material and are forced to focus on it) and repetition (you repeat a few times the images you created in your mind). How do you do it?

Look at the words you need to remember. Find words that sound similar and that have a meaning for you. These are called substitute words. Now make up a story that connects the things/persons/places you imagined. The more you dramatize or exaggerate, the stronger your brain will encode it.

### ***Example***

Imagine you need to commit to memory that Berlin is the capital of Germany. Ok, Berlin sounds like BEAR and INN. So you imagine a bear in an inn.

Now, how can you associate that Berlin is the capital? Well, let's say, that bear wears a CAP and is very TALL (sounds like capital) as Germans use to be. Can you see it in your mind's eye? Then your brain will easily remember!

And what do people do in an inn? They eat! Germany sounds like "WHERE MEN EAT", so you have your story. The great thing is that with just this ONE mental picture you can create associations and remember many things! See that bear drinking beer, and you will always remember that Germany is world famous for its beer production and export. See him eating bread and sausages, potatoes and pork, and you will automatically remember a typical German diet. See him dancing and hear the typical German music in your mind. See the inn and its surroundings, and your brain will store a picture of Germany's interior and exterior architecture, its landscape, its climate, its culture and whatever else you want to include in your story. The more funny, weird or silly your story,

the more easily you will remember.

Rehearse your story two or three times, and it will be profoundly recorded in your brain. Now when you just hear or read the word "capital", the cap will appear in your mind, together with the tall bear, the inn where men eat, and everything else. So easy, and so effective!

### ***Use the keyword method!***

This technique works wonders also for learning vocabularies, foreign languages, medical and technical terminology and names. Find an image that sounds like the word you need to remember. Break long words down into pieces with meaning. Then make it into an image or a story. If possible, draw a sketch of it. This adds another pathway your brain can use to remember the information. You will get better and better at drawing and become an artist. At least, you have something to laugh about whenever you need some encouragement...!

Don't forget, you need to periodically review your image (in your mind's eye or on paper) to set it firmly in your mind. It only takes a second to review an image. Review images after one minute, five minutes, then 30 minutes, then two hours.

For information you want to remember long-term, add an additional review at one day, three days, and one week. This will really put the image and the associated term into your long-term memory. Best results are achieved by combining this "keyword method" with flash cards. Medical students and doctors can find much help on [MedicalMnemonics.com](http://MedicalMnemonics.com).

Try it and let me know your associations. You will have lots of fun AND at the same time easily learn and REMEMBER many things that would be very difficult and boring to remember without a fun story.

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# Worshipers in the Holy Bible

## THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP IN DAVID'S TABERNACLE

Bro. Manuel Jeyaraj

David's administration for praise and worship really surprises me and my heart cry is that real worshipers must take this into their spirit so that we all will see the glorious manifestation of God's abundant presence in our churches. Every worshipper must read this very carefully to organize such kind of choir and music set up as the Bible recommends in **I Chronicles 6<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> chapters**. Also read **I Chronicles 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> chapters**.

David appointed the Levites to carry the ark of God as done earlier by Moses, Joshua and the other leaders. The Lord Himself chose the Levites to carry the Ark of the Covenant and to minister before Him day and night. The Levites continue the same ministry in the tabernacle of David. Aaron's sons who were priests also served in the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.

**David also appointed chief musicians who played different instruments like harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals and trumpets just to praise and thank God continually before the Lord. These were from the tribe of Levi.** They were praise and worship leaders in the tabernacle of David. And **all the worship leaders played music instruments when they thanked and praised God.** These people were busy in the tent of meeting which Moses set up in his times. This place was straight before the tabernacle. Until King Solomon built a temple for the Lord, they continued their service there. The chief musicians were Heman, Asaph, Jeduthun and the Merarites. David also was one of the chief musicians but basically and originally he was a musician, song writer, praise and worship music composer and singer.

David set up a very good choir of singers and musicians who were in the tent of meeting day and night. **There were 120 priests who blew the**

**trumpets and there were 288 singers, young and old who gave thanks and praised God continually.** They all worked on shift basis. They received free wages, free ration, special food from the king's money and a tax free life. I don't have words to express the joy that bubbles out of my heart whenever I read this passage. Look at the importance David gave for praise and worship. David in all his 40 years of reign in Israel and Judah followed this kind of praise and worship lifestyle with all integrity. I am really stunned and surprised to see churches having one person to sing songs; many times it is the pastor himself.

**In David's tabernacle there were a minimum of 288 singers apart from the Levites who thanked and praised continually.** In most of the churches, I have seen only one organ player or occasionally a rhythm pad player. What a pity! Do you think God is really exalted?

In David's tabernacle there were a lot of musicians. **All the Levites were musicians. All the worshippers must be good musicians.** The priests blew the trumpets standing on the east side of the altar continually. **There were 120 trumpet players.** Apart from this, there were other musicians who played great many cymbals, harps and lyres. There were also some more musicians who played different kinds of instruments which cannot be named, may be we are yet to see them.

Imagine this picture. Let the Holy Ghost kindle your imagination. This is what Saint John recorded when he saw the heavenly vision of the Lamb upon the throne and all the nations worshipping Him.

What has happened to our churches today? Are we following the Bible? We are very much concerned about doctrines, teachings and revelations. Why have we failed in this area? At the



maximum, we have never tried to practice this kind of praise and worship. We talk about false doctrines. Good! But what has happened to the true doctrine of praise and worship? I know for sure that the Holy Ghost is very much active to rebuild the tabernacle of David. He shall do it certainly.

**Pastors, I beseech you to encourage young people for praise and worship. Motivate young people to become spirit-filled musicians. Take time to teach young people about praise and worship.**

Again, here I want to talk about the two extremes of setting up a choir and setting up a music band in churches. Some emphasize being professional in both singing and playing instruments. Some emphasize only being spiritual and not being professional. But what I would like to say is **this-if your musicians are professional and spirit-filled, it's good. But if they are not professional but spirit-filled, encourage them to become professional.** Don't discourage them. Motivate them and send them to music classes to improve their playing. **What I mean to be professional here is becoming professional in praise and worship music not the worldly music which is soulish.**

I am really burdened by the Holy Ghost about very good musicians and composers spending a lot of time to compose music and songs for kindling the fleshly desires and the pleasures of sin.

Unfortunately, many of the top musicians in the world are Christians. We ought to pray for such people's salvation. **If you are a musician, be a God-led Spirit-filled musician. Don't ever copy the patterns of worldly music.** If you do so, you might go to the extent of only kindling the soulish level music which leads to the pleasures of sin. So **Pastors, train your church musicians and worship leaders for praise and worship music.**

**All the musicians in David's tabernacle were trained musicians for praise and worship music. There was a special music in David's times for praise and worship.** They were trained only for that. There were also some musicians who played some instruments and prophesied (I Chr.25:1). The sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun were such kind of musicians. They used instruments like harps, lyres and cymbals.

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## News

- ◆ A bomb explosion of low intensity injured 17 people, including 12 police personnel in Bangalore on Wednesday morning. The blast occurred some 100 metres from the headquarters of the BJP at Malleswaram.
- ◆ People with high blood pressure who drank about 8 ounces of beetroot juice experienced a decrease in blood pressure of about 10 mm Hg, a study found. Increasing high dietary nitrate content is a lifestyle approach to lower BP.
- ◆ Pakistan, specially Balochistan, appears to have borne the brunt of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that rocked the Iranian border province of Sistan-Baluchestan on 16th April. Pakistan confirmed the death of at least 20 people following the earthquake.



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