

Ministry TO the Lord, Not FOR the Lord

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Deuteronomy 10:8 talks about God establishing the Levitical order:

“At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name, unto this day.”

God established a whole tribe assigned to do one thing only: minister to the Lord. They were to stand before the Lord to minister unto Him.

Our ministry to God comes before our ministry for God. You cannot minister to people if you have not ministered to Him first, because you can't give away what you don't have. If you've been in His presence, you can take people there. If you've been in His presence, you know exactly how to get in and take them with you. When you worship, He shows up.

Churches everywhere have talented singers as their worship leaders who often don't spend enough time with the Lord. They cannot lead the congregation to a place in the presence of the Lord if they seldom spend time there.

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If we want a deeper experience in the presence of God in our churches and in our ministries, then we must check our priorities and embrace the power of personal communion with the Lord and our ministry to the Lord so we can have a dynamic ministry for the Lord. We need to encourage our worship leaders and ministers on the importance of having a personal daily walk with the Lord Jesus. It is absolutely imperative that our leaders actively lead by example in this area, demonstrating a daily time of personal worship.

In 1 Samuel 3:1 Scripture says that Israel was going through spiritual dryness, a season of spiritual famine. The voice of the Lord was not heard. It says, "And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision." One can't help but notice that this is the condition of America and the world now.

Samuel started ministering to the Lord when he was a child, which brought back the prophetic. When Samuel lay down, the Lord called his name. He did not even recognize the voice of the Lord the first, second or third time. Then, the fourth time, he realized it was the Lord speaking. But why did God speak to him? Because he was ministering to the Lord. When you start worshipping, God will talk to you. It's quite simple. He even spoke to a little boy who had never heard His voice before.

Revival came to Israel because one little boy changed the whole atmosphere by ministering to God. What would happen to Canada, the United States, Kenya and China if God's children began ministering to Him? Revival would be poured out upon our nations.

If God heard Samuel, He will hear you. If God poured out revival for Israel, He will do it for your nation. Think what

you can do if you begin to minister to the Lord and spend more time worshipping than begging, more time worshipping than fasting, more time worshipping than praying. {eoa}



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