

How Big Is Your Chair?

Several weeks ago I (Mahesh) was sitting in my library when  I suddenly heard a noise behind me. I turned and saw an angel right there. He was young-looking, majestic, awesome, and full of strength, joy, and vigor. He was smiling, but there was the fragrance and atmosphere of battle all around him. He was a warring angel, and he had just come from battle.

I had the impression that I was not his assignment. He was literally coming from one battle and heading off to another one. But in between he landed momentarily, looked at me, smiled and asked, “How big is your chair?” Then, just as suddenly as he appeared, he departed.

After he left, and before I had time to process his question, “How big is your chair?” I realized I was hearing music. In the moments that he was there, he carried with him the vibrations of the hymn, “Come Thou Almighty King”: “Come Thou Almighty King / Help us Thy Name to sing / Help us to praise ... Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.” It was as if this hymn were the song of the battle the angel had just won. The sound and words lingered in the atmosphere surrounding him as he carried the message from the Lord, “How big is your chair?” Before I could ponder the question, the Holy Spirit answered, “Psalm 22:3: ‘You are enthroned on the praises of your people.’”

When the Lord asks a question, it is a loaded one. The message was not about *my* chair; it was about *His* chair. His throne. How big is His throne? *How big is the chair we have made for Him in our hearts?* We make His chair big through our praises. He is enthroned on our praises.

God is speaking to us strategically in this hour. Make it personal in your life—become a vessel of His glory as you enthrone the King of kings in your heart. The bigger your

chair, the more awesome you make God, the more awesome the release of His glory.

How do we make God awesome? We begin to praise Him. We magnify the Lord as we proclaim His goodness, harmonize with His Word and exalt His mighty name. We become more and more in tune with the throne of heaven, and we become more aware of His awesome power and authority. You become a possessor of the truth, and in that context your chair gets bigger. The bigger the chair, the greater the authority, the greater the victory!

We represent the One who is in the big chair. He puts His servants in situations in which they are responsible for bringing in His Presence—for carrying a “big-chair mentality” into the situations. The bigger His throne, the more we will begin to resonate the supernatural reality of heaven and will see with eyes that go beyond the natural realm.

Some of the greatest warriors are the Zulu tribes in South Africa. In fact, the Zulu army used to put terror into the hearts of the soldiers in the British Army. When the Zulus found Jesus, they became just as awesome as warriors in the Spirit as they are warriors in the natural. These men dripped miracles, signs and wonders. They never became famous because they were content to live simply off the land with their flocks, but they knew the King of heaven and carried His presence.

I was friends with one of these Zulu ministers, Elijah Maswangani. We used to minister together in Jerusalem quite frequently. In one of our times together he told me the story of his mentor, an old Zulu warrior, who was asked to open a crusade meeting in prayer. The old man simply stood and beheld the Lord and said, “Awesome. ... Awesome.” Then he looked down, and once more he said, “Awesome.” That was the end of our meeting because the enthroned One suddenly appeared. The tent was filled with the glory of God. Every stretcher was emptied,

every blind eye opened. People ran to the altar in order to meet this King and be saved. That old Zulu warrior carried a big chair.

When you come into the presence of God, you might have been praying. You might have been struggling. You might have come to an impasse in your life. But you just say, "Awesome." You just step into worship, and that's it. The angels are loosed.

At Bethel, Jacob came to a place at which the gate to heaven was standing open. Angels ascended and descended from the throne to earth. Jacob said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the gate of heaven."

God wants to raise up people who can come into a situation and just say, "Awesome"—who can connect with the Living God and become a conduit for His glory to touch the earth. We behold Him, and angels take care of the details. We worship the covenant God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and He brings us into covenant breakthrough.

We often make faith religious, as if it's all about our quoting a hundred Scriptures, making confessions over our situations, getting our theology in order. Knowing the Word is good. Rehearsing His promises is powerful. But when faith becomes religious, it is as if we are trying to lift ourselves up to God in our own strength.

There is an ease in the glory! We come into a revelation of His awesomeness, His power, and His majesty, and we come into communion with the God of covenant breakthrough. This is resting in the finished work of Jesus.

As I mentioned previously, when the divine messenger appeared in my library, the room was infused with the strains of "Come Thou Almighty King." Later when I shared with my wife, Bonnie, what had happened, she immediately saw that the angel had just come from victory in the American Revolution and was jubilantly heading to the next battle for our liberty—the one

we are in today.

One of our friends was with us and immediately googled “Come Thou Almighty King.” Amazingly, what she found was that during the Revolutionary war, a group of Hessian soldiers fighting for the British stormed into a church on Long Island and demanded that the congregation show allegiance to the British tyranny by singing “God Save the King.” The organist started the tune that we call “America,” but the people, true to the colonies’ cause and their God, sang “Come Thou Almighty King.” The song was an anthem birthed in the Great Awakening that held spiritual authority over tyranny and humanistic governing. Those faith-filled believers had a big chair.

“The people who know their God will do great exploits!” (See Dan. 11:32.) The people who know their God intimately and are in communion with Him will do exploits. He is giving us signs right now. Let us stand and revel in Him and in His victory. Let us thank Him in advance, “calling things that are not as though they are,” for the turn-around in America. Let us proclaim His goodness and mercy in awakening America. Let us celebrate!

Your praise can shape your history. Your praise can move mountains and bring heaven down to where you are today. The Bible tells us, “Everything comes from [God]; everything happens through him; everything ends up in him. Always glory! Always praise! Yes. Yes. Yes” (Rom. 11:33, *The Message*).

How big is God’s chair in your heart?

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