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WHEN DAVID DANCED BEFORE THE LORD

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“David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, and David was wearing a linen ephod.
So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord
with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.”

2 Samuel 6:14-15

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DAVID WAS DANCING BEFORE THE LORD

This is the account of the ark of the covenant being brought into Jerusalem, and David was leading as a minister to the Lord, not as a king of Israel.

“David was wearing a linen ephod,” which was a priest’s most simple garment, meaning this was the identity David chose to display before the people of Israel on this very special occasion.

David could have come with all the pomp of kingship. But instead, David came as a humble minister to the Lord, showing Israel Who the True King of his life was.

In David’s mind and heart, he “was dancing before the Lord,” meaning that David was beholding the Lord, and not so much the scene around him.

When we minister to the Lord, we are blessed to enter God’s presence where it is all about our Lord; Who He is, His glory, and ourselves only as dedicated priests in His presence.

What a beautiful picture this was of how David loved God and had God first in his life. David wasn’t even

thinking about how he looked to people because He was looking at God. He was beholding the Lord and he saw himself in God’s sight as he danced in exultation as a priest in His presence, rejoicing in and desiring to please His Lord.

This is the true leadership model the body of Christ so needs today; people who will wear their identity as priests and their devotion to Christ first, for the entire body of Christ to see.

This is true kingship manifestation, when God’s people see themselves first in relationship to Him, our King, with His sovereignty over us and our blessed yielded priestly discipleship to Him, so that Jesus may be strongly known amongst His own and proclaimed to this world.

In your heart today, be clothed with the simple linen ephod of a priest, and let your true identity come forth, as a beloved child of God in Jesus’ name, ministering (and dancing) as a priest to your Lord in His blessed presence.

Hallelujah!

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PREFERRING GOD’S PRESENCE

David, the king of Israel, danced before the Lord “with all his might,” dressed as a humble priest “wearing a linen ephod.”

In this act of worship and devotion to God, David gave us a perfect preview of our Lord and Savior, our own King and High Priest, Jesus Christ. Jesus, our indwelling resurrected Savior, is both our “King of Kings” (Revelation 19:16) and our “merciful and faithful High Priest” (Hebrews 2:17).

David was a man after God’s own heart, so it is not surprising for us to see David worshiping as he did, completely before the Lord, aware only of His God. As he was before the Lord in spirit he was simultaneously revealing, prophetically in the Spirit, the heart and purpose of Messiah, to become our own King and High Priest.

When we are after the heart of God, like David, then we

minister to God, like David, for this is where the heart of God lives. We touch, fellowship with, and are transformed by the heart of our Lord when we are ministering to Him before His presence, as David did.

David was king of Israel and Jesus is our King of Kings.

David preferred being in God's presence "to behold the beauty of the Lord" (Psalm 27:4). And Jesus, our High Priest, is always beholding the beauty of the Lord, for Scripture says of Him, "He always lives to make intercession for them [meaning us]. For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest" (Hebrews 7:25-26). Jesus, our King and High Priest forever, always intercedes for

us in the beauty of the Lord.

Jesus our King, praise His holy name, prefers to be in our Father's presence, as our High Priest.

Amazingly, in Abba Father's presence, Jesus our Kingly High Priest is interceding for us, even now.

Oh praise the name of our King, Jesus, and let us join with Him, in God's presence, as priests unto our Lord. Yes, let us also this day receive the blessing of preferring to be in the presence of God, with all our might, even as David did.

Behold His beauty and praise Him today, beloved of God!

Hallelujah!

3

BEING DELIGHTED IN THE LORD

David had been anointed as king of Israel by Samuel, but his heart was always towards ministering to the Lord as a priest, which was well expressed in his words, "One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple" (Psalm 27: 4).

When David danced before the Lord, wearing the humble linen ephod of a priest, he was living out the truth of his own words which he wrote, saying, "Delight thyself in the Lord; and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

The desire of David's heart was for the Lord, Himself, and so he danced, being delighted in the Lord his God, Who was giving him the desires of his heart, which as we have seen, was to be in the house of God beholding His beauty.

Other people may have seen David dancing, and they may have wondered what was going on, but David was seeing the Lord, and the beauty of the Lord, and he was rejoicing.

When God is the desire of our heart, then we truly are delighted in the Lord.

We don't delight ourselves in the Lord in order to get something else. That's not how it works. When we are delighting ourselves in the Lord, it is because God, Himself, is the desire of our heart, and we realize He has given us Himself, and so our full delight is in Him.

It is in the act and heart attitude of our being delighted in our Lord, in real-time, that God is able to show us clearly that He, Himself, is the desire of our heart, and He has given Himself to us, fully, in Jesus Christ.

Let us delight in our Lord today, even as David did, for Jesus Christ is in us and He is beautiful to behold. Behold Him and delight in Him.

Yes beloved, remove the identity of the world from you in this moment by putting on the spirit, the ephod, of a humble priest, dedicated to God, and His glory, and His beauty, and enter in. In this way you also, like David, will be bringing up the ark of God, within you, Jesus Christ, our precious "Lord" and "Priest" forever (Psalm 110:1&4).

Hallelujah!

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