

New Years notes for 2003 from The Gate DC

2003 is going to be a year when we move in new levels of anointing and visitation. The prophetic is going to increase. The seers are going to have more vivid vision and there is going to be an increased ability to hear what the Lord is saying. As we hear the word of the Lord both individually and collectively we will need to cast the vision and then move strategically to accomplish His plans and purposes. The Word of the Lord is going to flow prophetically with increased accuracy to the Church. We have been seeing this increase over the past several months. Hearing and speaking the Word of the Lord will become clear. In 2003 we need to meditate more on the written Word of the Lord.

2003 is going to be a year when our worship will become more intense and continuous. Thirty-hour worship weekends need to expand. Weekly worship will become even more focused and radical with new sounds. Worship in our homes needs to become continuous with the use of worship CD's that create an atmosphere and a place for Him. He has called us first and foremost as worshippers, to seek His face. We are to be lovers of God and help every believer to return to their first love, Jesus. The prophetic worship and prophetic intercession will become more powerful as we move through the year.

In His presence there is fullness of joy and there is also the manifest presence of His kingdom. Healing, signs and wonders are going to increase as we move strategically to fulfill His plans and purposes in 2003. These will continue. People will move more fluently in Words of Knowledge and Words of Wisdom so ministry in the marketplace will increase and the Gospel will be proclaimed with a demonstration of power in 2003. Hungry lovers of God will begin to move in areas of their calling and destiny as they begin to have a greater revelation of the lavish love of the Lord and the cross.

Ultimately, for every believer, our destiny is to be with Him where He is. Psalm 16:5 "Oh Lord you are the portion of my inheritance and my cup." He is our inheritance and everything that He has with the Father is given to us. This is our destiny and this is eternal life. That we know Him and present Him as He really is to this world.

The amplified verse of John 17:22-24 reads: "I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one And perfectly united, that the world may know and recognize that You sent Me, and that You have loved them even as You have loved Me. Father I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me (Your gift to Me) may be with me where I am, so that they may see My glory, which You have given Me---Your love gift to Me--for you loved Me before the foundation of the world".

Here are some keys adapted from Possessing Your Inheritance by Chuck Pierce that we presented at the New Years meeting of The Gate to help us fulfill our calling and our destiny in 2003.

This year we need to break through to know that we have a future:

Physical illness, spiritual bondage or even the discipline of the Lord can make us feel like we do not have a future. We have a huge future in the Lord. Let us press in!

When the Lord allowed Israel to go into Babylonian captivity He sent the prophet Jeremiah to encourage them to be sure to marry and give their sons and daughters in marriage because the Lord knew they would be returning, fully restored. Jeremiah 29:11 says: For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for your welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome, to give you a future hope. As we begin this New Year let us commit ourselves to the Lord with new zeal and enthusiasm and watch as His plans and purposes in our lives begin to become reality. In 2003 let us break the spirit of condemnation and accusation and trust the Lord to fulfill His plans and purposes in our lives.

We must continue to worship and gain deeper revelation:

This is the year of the Lord's favor. The worship has intensified. We have gone deeper and higher this year. As we open the path into the throne room the Lord has begun to reveal more of His glory. In that place of His presence there is fullness of joy. There is revelation and there is Life. It is in this place that some have seen scrolls released.

It is in this place of intimate worship that strategies are released that will guide us to build that which the Lord wants built on earth. So we pray, "May your kingdom come and will be done on earth as it is in heaven." It is in this place of intimacy where we really learn our destiny. As Paul wrote: For I always pray the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelations--of insight into mysteries and secrets--in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints...His set apart ones. Eph. 1:17,18

This year we must embrace and activate His prophetic words and directives:

In the beginning there was chaos and disorder. The Lord said, "Let there be light!" His word brought order and form to the chaos. When the Lord speaks the light of His word pushed back the darkness and brings new order in our lives. His word brings strategy for victory. The story in 2 Chronicles 20 of Jehosaphat's response to the prophetic word demonstrates this well. The Moabites, Meunites and Ammonites all came up in battle. Jehosaphat prayed, seeking the face of the Lord. Jahaziel prophesied. "Do not be afraid..for the battle is not yours but the Lords" Jehosaphat told the people. "Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe and remain steadfast to His prophets and you shall prosper." Often in the Church today the people of God hear the word of the Lord but do not embrace it or actively respond to it. In 2003 let us embrace the revelation and move forward.

Let us frequently review and evaluate our vision:

The word tells us that without a vision the people live carelessly or perish. All of us have individual revelation and calling. As time passes we begin to forget the fire that was on the word when we received it. Our vision grows dim when fulfillment is prolonged. In 2003 let's re-focus on what the Lord has said to us. Every word that He has

spoken will come to pass. If you have written the prophetic words down get them out. Read them. Pray over them. Lift them up to the Lord. Ask for timing. Ask for supply and provision to accomplish everything that He has called you to walk in.

Connect with the right people and associations:

For the past several years God has been setting living stones in place. This coming year He will be strengthening covenant relationships. In the coming year you must strengthen relationships with those that want to see you succeed in your walk with the Lord. Let us encourage one another to press in and to know the Lord like never before. Together let us pray that the Lord will connect us with those ministries, streams of the Church and Apostolic companies that He desires. We need to be fit together to accomplish His plans.

Be willing to obey, even if the Lord ask you to do something unusual:

Jeremiah 32:6-9 records the time when Jerusalem was besieged. Jeremiah had been locked up because He prophesied that the King of Babylon would take the city. The Lord said the city would fall and be taken into captivity because of idol worship in the House of the Lord. The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah because of his right of redemption to buy the field that belonged to his uncle in Anathoth. Jeremiah declared the Lord's faithfulness and bought the field and prophesied. "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, House and fields and vineyards shall be purchased yet again in this land." Later Jeremiah questioned the Lord but the Lord responded. "Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?" "I will bring upon these people all the good that I have promised them. And fields shall be bought in this land of which you say it is desolate."

Even during times of oppression or desolate times the promises of the Lord remain and we must secure our inheritance. It was at this same time while Jeremiah was locked up because of his prophetic words that the Lord said. "Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know or understand. Jeremiah 33:3. The Lord is getting ready to break through and break out in the earth. We must listen and obey in 2003.

Don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your destination in 2003:

An exhortation comes through the prophet Zechariah when he says to Zerubbabel "Who are you, Oh great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall be come a plain (a molehill). And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of Grace, grace to it!

Zech. 4:7. The Babylonian captivity had ended. The people had returned and were nearly finished rebuilding the city just as the Lord had said. As they started rebuilding the Temple the enemy started lambasting them with accusations. Ezra 4:4 says. "then the people around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building." The Lord is building His holy temple NOW. The enemy will send all kinds of discouragement, infirmity, death threats, lack of provision to try to prevent the Body of

Christ from coming together. Its time to encourage one another and shout Grace to every mountain obstacle or distraction and watch it fall.

Keep Watch:

We have been given so many blessings. We need to be good stewards of what the Lord has given to us. Let us never take for granted His manifest presence. We need to watch over our inheritance and our destiny. Let us watch and pray like never before in 2003.

January 2003 - Bridal Love

The musicians and singers began the sound check. The sounds reached the heavens and for more than forty minutes those arriving at The Gate were swept up into the presence of the Lord. The themes of the spontaneous songs of intercession, praise and adoration spoke of His holiness and His beauty. One crying out from the porch, "Draw me oh Lord and I will come." The Lord responding from the Altar in prophetic response, "Come near, I want to be with you." Another sang from Song of Solomon 8:6. "Place a seal upon my heart." His passionate love for His bride overwhelmed us. Love for Jesus consumed our hearts. It was the beginning of five hours of open heavens and His love.

Earlier a young man arranged to have a young woman escorted to the sanctuary so he could propose to her. We welcomed them as they came back to The Gate into a circle of love as we prayed for them. God is raising up those whose love for one another and whose relationship will demonstrate prophetically the Bridegroom's affection for the Bride. Another couple was prayed for and sent out to Israel for a month of worship empowered by Holy Spirit and the words of Isaiah 40:1-5 which begins, "Comfort, O comfort My people says your God. Speak kindly to Jerusalem," Holy Spirit prompted words of knowledge and many that were sick were healed. Jesus lavished His love and His presence on us all.

The musicians began again and those that arrived late carried the same message as those who opened the meeting. One rose to read Isaiah 40:3-5 "A voice crying in the wilderness, make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low. And let the rough ground become a plain. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all flesh will see it together for the Mouth of the Lord has spoken." The voice of the Lord called us deeper. The song of the Lord echoed the Scripture; "You take me from glory to glory. You are the lover of my soul."

We were swallowed up in a spiritual and supernatural love feast. Someone read Song of Solomon 1:2-4. "May He kiss me with the kisses of His mouth. For your love is better than wine. Your oils have a pleasing fragrance, Your name is like purified oil..... Draw me after you and let us run together! For the king has brought me into His chambers." A song brought His response, "Come deeper. Come to the light. Come and listen. Come deeper" Another song echoed the cry of our hearts, "Draw me and I will run after you." Many desperate hearts cried out for more of the beautify Lord Jesus.

The musicians and singers broke into a known song with the words "Open the eyes of my heart Lord, I want to see you." Someone prayed the apostolic prayer in Ephesians 1:17-23. "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe...." One young woman prayed Paul's confession of Philippians 3:8-11 that we would count all things as loss that we might know Him.

One of the singers began to sing, "I will run, I will soar with the eagles." Someone spoke of the eyes of the eagles that can see from great heights and another read Isaiah 40:28-31 calling us to continue to wait upon the Lord. We waited and again the

Lord consumed us with His presence and His love. Tracy took a prophetic gift of frankincense and myrrh that we received from Jill Austin. She began to lavishly smear it on each with prayer and blessing. As she anointed each one she released the fire of the extravagant love of the Lord on one after another. The fragrance of the frankincense and myrrh was overwhelming. Many could not stand in the presence of the Lord. Soon the floor was covered with those that lay prostrate before the Lord soaking in His presence. The fragrant oils reminded us of the time of preparation of Esther before she was brought to the king, (Esther 2:12) and of the preparation of the Bride. (Revelation 19:6-10) The Lord is calling us to prepare a place for Him. To keep our lamps filled with oil looking for the coming of the Bridegroom and to make ourselves ready. Some will only wash their garments in the blood of the Lamb but others will be clothed in fine linen bright and clean and blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Several who had just returned from The Call in Kansas City spoke of the radical revelation of the love of God for His Bride that is coming to the Church. The fire and passion of the Lord Jesus revealed in His eyes that burn with flames of fire that will consume us and disrupt the paradigms of the religious world and undermine the religious spirits. We pray that the love of God in Christ Jesus will consume us and that our hearts will be desperate for Him. That our hearts will burn with passion for Jesus and compassion for the lost. We pray that He will set us on fire with the fire of first love. Our prayer is for all believers.

February 2003 - A Thief in the Night

During the last watches of the 30 hours of worship and intercession in February a thief entered the building and while our focus was on the Lord he stole some items from one of the rooms. This person was seen by several and police reports have been filed and the items can be replaced. Since this took place Holy Spirit has brought to mind John 10:1-18 several times. Please read it and pray. John 10:1-2 says "Truly, truly I say to you he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber....." The man that came as a thief did not belong. Some who saw him knew that he did not belong. I believe Holy Spirit is using this as a means to get our attention so that we can watch and pray and be alert.

John 10:10 records Jesus words. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly." He is referring to our supernatural abundance and he is speaking of spiritual thieves and robbers. Let us be aware of emotional or spiritual influences, thoughts or even people that come into our lives or our meetings that do not belong. There may be an assault on our thought life or disruption of our relationships. I believe we may see thieves and robbers who come to steal, kill and destroy what God is depositing in our lives. Let us raise our alert status to the highest level. Let me encourage each of you to watch and pray. Ask the Lord for keen discernment. Pray and seek His face. Pray at the first sign of anything that begins to damage your relationships, take you away from His presence or harm you in anyway. Sound the alarm so that we can all pray for one another.

The word of the Lord came and brought clarification and deeper understanding and teaching from the loss.

As I was awakened on Sunday morning following the extended worship-intercession The Lord said. "What was stolen?" I thought about the items that were taken from the adjacent room. A Television. A powerful electric heater. Some chicken. Some diapers. Spiritually these translated. Vision, Fire, Provision and that which I am birthing. The Lord clearly spoke to me about remaining in a state of high alert for anything that would come to steal Vision. For anything that would come to quench the Fire of God. Of anything or anyone that would rob us of our Provision or prevent what He is birthing in our lives at this time. God has been speaking to many of you about releasing more vision, provision, and fire this year. He is birthing new areas of personal and corporate ministry. The prophetic words that have come lately have called His people to dream big dreams. At the beginning of the year the prophetic words were a call to greater vision. Bobby Connor speaks of those powers that steal dreams and vision. Let us be vigil. Vision. Fire. Provision. Birth. God has called us to these and the enemy would like to take them away.

We believe that this warning is not just for those who participate in Washington Worships but for those we relate to in the city and around the world. Be alert and discerning. Sound the alarm so that we can all pray for one another, especially as He has called us to extended worship and intercession and breakthrough in the Church.

March 2003 - Freedom to Worship

The end of the month worship-intercession in Washington DC opened a new season of worship-intercession and revelation. In the first watches we expected intense sounds of war and intercession but Holy Spirit led us into deep places of His loving kindness and bridal intimacy with a profound sense of His presence. The Lord directed us to 2 Chronicles 5 and 2 Chronicles 20. The sounds of worship and intimacy in Solomon's temple proclaimed His everlasting loving kindness. The sounds of warfare worship as Jehoshaphat went into battle proclaimed His everlasting loving-kindness. We are called to intimacy. We are called into His presence and as we create an atmosphere and welcome His presence warfare takes place. The battle is not ours but the Lords. We are called to worship when we are called to war in the heavenlies. Worship in our warfare. Warfare in our worship. We came expecting the sounds of war but the Lord led us into His presence and revealed His mercy and His loving kindness. As we spent the night with Him and experienced His intimacy His enemies were scattered. We pressed in to seek His face. In His presence is fullness of joy and as the nations rage the Lord sits in the heavens and laughs. (Psalm 2)

In the early morning watches the songs and prayers began to proclaim freedom in Christ and we declared freedom from fear. Freedom for the captives. Freedom from slavery and evil taskmasters. Freedom from the evil spirits that are cruel taskmasters in Islamic countries. Taskmasters that keep the people from the love of the Father and true worship. We battled for freedom to worship in the city and against every enemy of worship. We prayed that the city would be a city of worship. Free from religious spirits. Free to worship the Lord. Moses went into Pharaoh and asked him to set the people free to worship the Lord. (Exodus 3:18) America was created so that the Lord could be freely worshipped. This is the purpose of freedom that we might be free to worship the Lord. In this season of worship, warfare and intercession both in the heavenlies and on earth the battles rage to decide the Question: "Who shall be worshipped in the earth?" We ask Him for the nations and pray for salvation for the enemies of Christ. We press toward the day when every knee shall bow and tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.

The flow of songs and prophetic words echoed Joshua 2:9-11 and Joshua 3:5-16. "I know that the Lord has given you the land. It is time to take what the Lord has promised. The battle is not ours but the Lords. He has given us the victory." The prophetic songs called us to cross over. The waters of opposition will pile up like the Jordan. It is a new season. I have given you the city. Cross over this Jordan. Cross over the sea. I have given you the city. It is a new season. Time to walk with me. There is no retreat. Like Joshua I say to you, "As I was with Moses so I will be with you. Go and possess the land." As the first 24 hours ended Jimmy Crawford released a powerful and triumphant sound. A banner was raised calling watchmen to the walls and worship-intercessors began marching around it singing. "Our God is a warrior God. Our God is a man of war. Our God is a God of righteousness. Our God is a God of war."

We are in a season of worship and warfare and moving toward harvest season. As we worship, His manifest presence covers us and we rest in His victory.

April 2003 - Audible Voice of the Lord

"You are healed." The audible voice thundered from a cloud that entered the room. The Washington DC leader was stunned as the presence of the Lord filled the room and overwhelmed him with the awe of God. He bolted from his house and appeared at the door of the Brickyard where worshippers and intercessors were in their 13th hour of the monthly, extended worship-intercession and seeking Gods face on behalf of the city. "What are you praying for?" he stammered and testified to the visitation he had just experienced. His glory filled the room as we all began to realize what the Lord had done.

The intercessors at Washington Worship had just prayed for healing and freedom for the pastors and leaders in the city. We prayed for freedom from the enemy that has come to confuse and confound the minds of God's servants. We prayed against the deaf and dumb spirit. Prayers for soundness and clarity in the minds and thoughts of the leaders were sent out in a powerful way, as if they were shot out from the worship center into the city. Then, as if, the Lord wanted to confirm His word, one Pastor came with his glorious report. The Lord came and healed him. By faith we know that the word of the Lord went forth to many more leaders with healing power to accomplish His plans and purposes. Jesus is awesome and worthy of praise, honor, glory and all our worship.

Earlier during the all night watch six teenagers came to lead worship and moved into a much deeper love and understanding of the Lord. At the beginning of their watch they received prayer and Holy Spirit moved upon them powerfully. As they questioned the electrifying senses they experienced we began to talk about the presence of the Lord. Soon we prayed and the hunger and depth of their hearts was revealed. One wanted eyes to see what Jesus sees when He looks at people. Another wanted His heart. One wanted to play drums in a new way that glorified the Lord. Another prayed to be able to forgive freely. How the Lord is pleased as these young men and women cry out for more of Him.

As we prayed one young musician had several visions. The first he had ever had and as he shared them it was clear that he was hearing the voice of the Lord as he looked to see what the Lord would say. (Hab. 2:1-3) Several of the young women asked to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:13 Acts 19:2-6) One began to speak in tongues and glorify the Lord. Suddenly here face was filled with the fear of the Lord and she said, "The awe of God." And fell to the ground on her face. The other was overwhelmed with the joy of the Lord and testified later that though she tried to remain on her feet she could not. She fell to the floor rejoicing empowered by the Spirit and more in love with Jesus.

Holy Spirit continued to move throughout the watches of worship and intercession with prophetic words and visions. Worshippers and intercessors continued to cry out for more of His glory to fill Washington DC to transform the streets, the churches, the neighborhoods. After 24 hours of worship The Gate worship team began the last watch Interspersed with the worship and prayer were many testimonies of Gods intervention, His healing power and displays of His love. Healing Rooms of Washington DC teams testified of dramatic events taking place during prayer for the sick. Others testified of powerful visitations during the meetings Gateway Christian Fellowship in Connecticut with Jill Austin. The Lord told Tracy He was going to open new realms in the heavens to us and we have begun to see and experience new levels of anointing and His presence. Many testified of His power, His goodness, His healing, His glory.

While they were speaking there was a powerful manifestation of His presence. Some began to see and feel the angelic presence in the room. Others began to weep and some began to see visions. As the testimonies opened realms in the Spirit for ministry many received prayer and the power of the Lord was present to heal. The celebration became explosive in worship; intercession and personal ministry as the Lord Jesus moved through the room touching many with His presence as the anointing upon Him destroyed yokes and set people free. As the glory of the Lord filled the room some fell on their faces, some danced, some wept, some laughed some worshipped and Jesus was glorified in it all.

May 2003 - An Open Door

As we began to gather at The Gate a young woman approached and said that she was felt that a door of revelation was being opened to us. No one spoke of this but we prayed and then entered into worship. After just a few known songs the song of the Lord came with prophetic wind. One of the psalmists began to sing, "There is a door of revelation open in heaven." Another called out to worshippers to enter in the door of revelation. A third woman came and read Ephesians 1:14-21 and then proclaimed the door of revelation open. She prayed for a spirit of wisdom and revelation and then went on to read Revelation 3:7-8. "These are the words of Him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut and what he shuts not one can open."

This is the call to worship and revelation. A young man saw a vision of a rainbow and then read Revelation 4 out loud. The door is open into the place of worship and come up into the heavens. Worship Him for he is worthy. It is time for a fresh revelation of the Lord. Another woman prayed that we would boldly enter in behind the veil to be with Him. A young man began to sing. "The door is open. The door is open. Walk with new revelation. Open your eyes to see. Open your ears to hear." Holy Spirit is inviting the Church in to a deeper revelation and calling His higher and deeper into the knowledge of the Lord and the beauty of His holiness.

A man declared the calling behind the veil by the blood of Jesus and prayed that having been cleansed by His blood we would now enter in. Another read Hebrews 10:19. "Therefore, since we have confidence to enter into the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is his body and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God, with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess for he who promised is faithful."

A woman visiting for the first time said she saw two angels in a vision and declared that we were in the glory of His presence. The presence of the angels was awesome and the word of the Lord came urging us to take His hand and follow Him. She prophesied that one of the purposes for people at The Gate is to carry His glory into the streets. We continue to pray for His manifest presence and for His glory to fill our homes, our work and the streets of our cities. His glory and His presence is the very thing that distinguishes His people from all the people on the face of the earth. Gen.: 33:15, 16.

It was His glory and His presence that impacted an unbeliever the following week. His presence filled the room as Tracy spoke of the need to soak in His presence. Eric spoke of keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. Focused on Jesus we entered a time of soaking for more than an hour of quiet time at His feet. The visitor, a man who has a terminal illness attended The Gate for the first time and wrote in an e mail, "I am so glad I experienced the evening-what an experience! I have to admit, there were times when, for unknown reasons, I absolutely burst into uncontrollable tears!" Pray that the spirit of revelation will open his eyes to know the Lord Jesus personally and that he will be healed.

June 2003

(no post for June 2003)

July 2003 - Jesus, Glorious and Victorious

There was warfare on the worshippers as we began Washington Worshipers in July but worshippers in the city joined those around the world who are rising as warriors to destroy the works of the evil one. Early in the watch someone saw armies marching with flags and banners but the Lord lifted his banner high and has raised a standard and the enemies of the lord tremble with fear. The Lord is victorious. He is glorious. He will be worshipped in Washington DC, Jerusalem and all over the world. We declared victory in the city region. The break through was immediate as the breaker went up before us (Micah 2:13,14) and we followed Him through the gate as Joe Beynon broke open the heavens in worship and proclamation of His holiness, His glory and His majesty.

The verses from Revelation 3:14-22 were read along with a comment that Bill Bright said just before his passing that he believed the Church had become cold and lost her first love. We declared a new season for the Church. We declared a new season of passion in the Church and a time of revelation where the Bride of Christ will love the Bridegroom just as she is loved. She will hear Him knocking and she will open the door and hear the voice of the Bridegroom. The song of the Bride came forth. "One thing I want Lord and only one thing. I want you Lord." Another spontaneous song came forth. "You will be our God and we will be your people." Intercession broke out, "Lord let your Church hear your voice" and then we declared victory over the deaf and dumb spirit that causes deafness to the voice of the Lord and prevents us from proclaiming Him. Someone read Philippians 2:9-11 declaring His name above every other name and another read Psalm 96:8-13, another a song from Isaiah 45, "I am the Lord and there is no other."

The watches shifted and the worship and dance team from Glory Tabernacle filled the hall with praise, worship and dance as Harrison picked up the theme from Joe and sang, "You are the Lord and there is no other and the Church will be filled with the glory of the Lord." For nearly an hour the instruments prophesied and proclaimed the glory of the Lord and the dancers wove in and out declaring in dance his glorious name. The dance team, dressed in gold, floated into the center of the room. Psalm 45:13-15 "All glorious is the princess with her chamber; her gown is interwoven with gold. In embroidered garments she is led to the king; her virgin companions follow her and are brought to you. They are led in with joy and gladness; they enter the palace of the king." The dancers lifted candles up to the Lord. "...I will set up a lamp for my anointed one." Psalm 132:17b

Then the musicians and singers moved powerfully into a prophetic flow. The wind of the Lord was upon their voices and the instruments. Singers deferred to one another as the dancing hand of God moved from one and then another so that all were able to minister to the Lord. In many different ways the name of the Lord was exalted and all our focus was upon Him. All praise and glory and honor to the Lord. "I am the Lord, that is my name. I will not give my glory to another." Isaiah 42: 8. Then the Lord responded as a singer broke out in a song. "Feel my love. Hear my voice. I am raising up a generation to hear my voice. Feel the presence of my love. The wind of the Spirit is blowing over Washington. Healing wind of God. Blowing away the fear. Blowing away the violence. Blowing away the poverty. Hear my voice. I'm speaking loud and clear. Love one another. Love your brother and your sister. Love one another and walk after me."

The room started to explode as we neared transition of the watches. The drums began to beat out the sounds of celebration. Members of Qadash moved into the room and picked up the sound. Every percussion instrument in sight began proclaiming the glory of the Lord and the dancers moved from choreographed dance to spontaneous and explosive Expression. It was the sound of victory. The sights and sounds of the people of God moving into the victorious position purchased for us by the precious blood of the Lamb.

In the night watches the love of God continued to be poured out. One of the singers broke into a Bridegroom response singing, "I love you. I love you. My love for you is deeper than the ocean." Another voicing our hearts as the Bride responding saying, "Jesus, Jesus. No other name. Let me call upon the name of Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. The lovesick Bride is calling on the name of Jesus. No other name but Jesus." All night long the songs of the Lord were lifted up and the instruments proclaimed his name as Jane Snyder and Qadash created an atmosphere of worship and his presence. His love for his Bride and our love for him echoed off the walls throughout the morning watches with Thomas Kenny and Greg Walker from The Gate and into the afternoon with Holly Maloy of Eastgate Worship Center and Andrew Bennett followed by Nandy and Marta Pizarro of Watchman's Sword. Intercession turned from Washington to Jerusalem and Israel. The theme of his glory continued to dominate the sounds of worship and seemed to affirm the fact that we are the redeemed of the Lord to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:14.

Jimmy Crawford and Shekinah Ministries stepped into His presence and began to proclaim His glory and His majesty. Songs of intercession called upon the Lord to rise up over the city as the Sun of Righteousness. Arise with healing in your wings. Healing for the city. Let your healing flow to the people. Let your healing flow to the nations. One prophetic singer saw a vision of an eagle flying over the city and the eagle landed in the dark places in the city. As we continued singing Arise with healing in your wings, she saw in the vision a light shine down from heaven into the dark places and healing came. New life came for the people. New life and freedom is coming for those that are in dark places in the city. The Lord has come to set the captives free!

High praise and worship flowed to His throne. Give the Lord glory. We lift your name on High. We trust in the name of the Lord our God. Songs of joy and deliverance. It was as if the captivity of the city was broken. It was like Psalm 126. "When the Lord brought back the captive ones to Zion, we were like those who dreamed, then our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy." After David trusted in the Lord he said, "Lord you are my strength and my shield, oh Lord." We were encouraged to pray that we would worship the Lord until His presence came and people in the city could feel the Lord upon them as their strength and their shield. We began to give thanks for the awesome and manifest presence of the Lord. We began to thank the Lord for the leadership he is raising up in the city for when the righteous rule the people rejoice. Glory, honor, power and dominion are yours forever Lord. Glory, honor, power, forever! Let your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven Lord Jesus.

August 2003 - A Home for the Healing Rooms

Four or five years ago intercessors from Glory Tabernacle stood at the edge of the fountain at the North West gate into Washington DC. In a prophetic act, they stirred the water of the fountain and declared that the bitter waters would become sweet and that healing would come into the city through this gate. The fountain has been dry for the past several years but Jesus, the healer, has been demonstrating His power, healing the sick and preparing a way for the opening of the Healing Rooms of Washington DC.

Months ago the Lord began to speak to us that when the fountain began to flow it would be a natural sign that he was beginning to fulfill the cries of the intercessors and their prophetic declarations. Our intercession intensified after fences went up around the fountain and the restoration process moved forward. Many at The Gate are involved in the Healing Rooms and have been praying that the fountain would begin to flow and that when we saw that natural sign we would begin to see the supernatural flow of miracles, signs and wonders. On Friday, August 1, 2003 the fountain began shooting high into the sky and falling like diamonds into the clear water below. The following day, Saturday, August 2, we met to consecrate and dedicate the new home of The Healing Rooms.

While the fountain restoration was taking place, God was preparing a place for the Healing Rooms. Just one mile from the fountain and the North West gate to the city the Lord provided a house. The Bethany House is a house for visiting mission teams and ministries and is the new home of The Healing Rooms of Washington DC. In miraculous ways the Bethany house became available through a partnership of Chevy Chase Baptist Church, the DC Baptist Convention and The Healing Rooms of Washington DC. It is easy to get to, has parking and has been designated for ministry for many years. We will be able to honor the original intent of missions and hospitality, maintain independent integrity and two floors of the house are for the Healing Rooms. What an awesome God!

At the dedication gathering hosted by The Gate, David brought a short exhortation about the keys of the kingdom from Mathew 16. We declared that the gates of hell could not stand up against the Church in the city. The Church has the keys that unlock those gates to destroy the works of the evil one and expand the Kingdom of God. In this hour the Church is going to push forward relentlessly until his kingdom comes and his will is done here in Washington DC and all over the earth as it is in heaven.

We shared about the journey, the connection and the significance of the flowing fountain and the Bethany House. We spoke of the Biblical account of those things that took place in Bethany. It was the place of Mary's extravagant worship; the place where Jesus demonstrated that He is the resurrection and the life as Lazarus came forth; the place where Jesus prepared His triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. These are the very things we have prayed for in Washington DC; that we would learn to be extravagant worshippers; that we would see the sign and wonders released in the city and that Jesus name would be lifted on high because Washington DC, like Jerusalem is a place for the triumphant Lord to be exalted.

With grateful hearts we worshipped the Lord. Prophetic words and declarations interspersed with the sounds of the harp and the songs of the Lord filled the atmosphere until we broke bread in communion followed by personal ministry. As we turned our focus back upon Jesus along the intensity of our worship increased. A mixture of the songs of the Lord, spiritual worship and prophetic words created a new and powerful

sound. Worship in the Spirit rose to new levels and many voices in many different tongues worshipped the Lord. The harp was gone but every man and woman became an instrument in the hands of the Lord. The sounds of heaven filled the room and then rhythmic prophetic songs called all of us to a deeper relationship with the Lord. Suddenly the room erupted in dance. Some were overwhelmed with the joy of the Lord and laughter filled the room like the sounds of the children of God in the Fathers house.

As we prepared to pray for those who were sick among us, one woman testified that she had been healed following prayer and soaking in the presence of the Lord the preceding Thursday. Her adrenals had been completely healed. The testimony of Jesus, the healer, raised the level of faith as Jesus, as if in answer to a question responded, "I am willing to heal you." The love of God and His healing provision was poured out upon those in need. The spiritual atmosphere of The Bethany House has been changed and over the next two months the physical conditions of the house will be transformed.

Please keep the Healing Rooms of Washington DC in prayer. Thank God for David and Maureen Freshour of Chevy Chase Baptist and for Jeffery Haggrey, Executive Minister of the DCBC. Pray for healing, signs and wonders to be released in the city. Pray for teams of healing prayer warriors from many different churches around the city to be raised up and trained. Pray for the financial needs as we renovate and restore The Bethany House and prepare the Healing Rooms. If you would like to give to support the Healing Rooms make your checks out to: The Healing Rooms of Washington DC, 5671 Western Avenue, N.W. Washington DC, 20015.

September 2003 - Breaking Through

Washington Worships in September began with lighting of candles and the sound of the shofar as the sunset and the celebration of the Feast of Trumpets began. (Lev. 23:24,25) The worship was filled with the sound of celebration and joy. We gathered together dipping apples in honey and taking communion with the sweet fruit of the vine and sweet bread.

Through all the watches for more than 24 hours we worshipped the creator of all things and celebrated in His presence. During the week Chuck Pierce sent an e-mail referencing Psalm 68. The wind of God was upon those verses and they emerged in every watch. The word became alive and powerful, changing individual lives and the atmosphere over the city. Different verses from the Psalm caught fire and were lifted in prophecy, intercession and song in different watches. Throughout the weekend nearly every verse became a focus of worship-intercession and celebration, but Holy Spirit returned us again and again to verses 1-3, "May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him. As smoke is blown away by the wind may you blow them away, as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God. But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful."

In the mid morning watch, led by Jimmy Crawford of Shekinah Ministries, the singers began by singing the verses. To rise up even as the Lord has arisen and scattered his enemies. One saw a vision of an eagle soaring effortlessly on the wind over the river. The songs that followed urged his people to soar and to fly like eagles. Another had a vision of a great light like a sunrise. The light came up from the earth and rose above the mountains. The brightness of God's glory is coming. His brightness and his glory are coming. The beauty of his holiness and his glory is rising. We had a sense that this watch was like part 2 of the August watch when Jimmy heard a sound like breaking glass. He played the sound on the keyboard and the heavens opened. It was the sound of break through. Prophetic singers began to sing of the break through. The King is coming. His glory will come in. Break through. Break through. Don't stop until the king of glory comes. The King of glory is the breaker. (Micah 2:13)

Spontaneous songs flowed one after another. Tracy said she asked the Lord the question. "What are breaking into?" Break through is when heaven touches earth. The portals are open and there is an ascending and descending. The king has broken through and the people follow through the gate and go up. She prayed, "You have come to this place to open the heavens. We welcome the atmosphere of heaven. Make this your habitation, oh Lord, a place of ascending and descending. Make this a place of break through, where heaven touches earth."

A singer began to sing of the glory of the Lord on the church, singing, rise and shine for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Is. 60:1-3) Heaven touches earth. The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our God. Someone said the Lord has risen and is scattering but he is also gathering. Jesus said, "If I am lifted up I will gather all men to myself." The Lord is scattering and gathering. The Lord is also calling for a following. Israel followed when the pillar of fire rose up. God is arising and we are following him.

A new song erupted from the verses of Hebrews 1:1-4. He rises in our midst in the brightness of his glory. The Son of God arises and he is the exact representation of

God's image and the brightness of his glory. Run to the brightness of his glory. Another broke into the song of the Lord from Malachi 4:2 singing of the son of righteousness arising with healing in his wings. Healing for people. Healing for the cities. Healing for the nations. Spiritual songs, spontaneous songs and prophetic songs continued throughout the watch as we worshipped and celebrated under open heavens.

It was a day of great joy and gladness in Washington DC as we asked God to bless His church and the city-region with a good and sweet year. In the evening we came together as a community to eat together and enjoy the ministry of John Scotland at The Gate. Our hearts were filled with joy and our mouths with laughter as we ended the day celebrating and in the presence of the Lord. It was as if we responded to the words of Ezra and Nehemiah during the feast of trumpets. (Nehemiah 8) Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

May your year be sweet and blessed by the presence of the Lord. This is a season for break through. This is a time of preparation for the harvest. The King of glory is coming. We pray that each of you will experience visitation, as the Lord's manifest presence becomes reality in your lives. Let it become a habitation and harvest.

October 2003 - Ascending in Worship, Descending in Warfare

Recently at The Gate we experienced a dynamic example of what Chuck Pierce has called ascending in worship and descending in warfare. Worship and intercession lasted four hours as musicians moved from instrument to instrument and Holy Spirit led us. First ascending in worship we entered His gates with thanksgiving and praise. The calling of the Lord in prophetic voices was to go higher and deeper. We pressed into a deeper level of intimacy. Love sick worship warriors. Longing for more of the manifest presence of the Lord. Hungry for more of His presence. Hungry to know Him. Hungry for a greater revelation of His glory. We ascended into His presence. Some shared visions of His throne established in our worship and praise. The first segment lasted for about an hour as we pursued the Lord Jesus with all our hearts. Then there was a shift in the Spirit.

Suddenly Holy Spirit began to move us into a powerful time of declaration. The Lord moved upon dozens who came forward to declare those things that He was tearing down. Racial barriers. Sin sickness. Cancer. Poverty. Homosexuality. Prostitution. Pride. One after another was prompted to declare war upon the areas of demonic oppression that the Lord has come to tear down. He came to destroy the works of the devil. He has given His Church authority to act on His behalf as the Kingdom of God is advanced here on earth as it is in heaven. Our intercession and declarations were specific over Washington DC and the region and then the nation. The musicians led in warfare worship rising and falling and interspersed with declarations from many warriors. Then you could sense change in the room and Holy Spirit shifted our focus and attention from tearing down to building up.

Several different people whispered to the leadership. "If God is tearing down then what is he lifting up? What is rising?" Simultaneously someone took the microphone and began to declare that the Church is rising. Warriors were encouraged to begin to proclaim that which the Lord is raising up in this hour and one by one the proclamation of the Lord came forth. God is arising. His enemies are scattering. He is lifting up righteousness. Apostolic and Prophetic foundations are being laid and the Church is rising. Holiness is rising. The glory of the Lord is rising upon His people. For another hour the proclamations of the Lord flowed from the floor as worship warriors sought the face and the hand of God. The intercession for God's glory to fill the city, the region and the nation rose up like incense to a Holy God. Then there was another shift in the Spirit. From ascending in worship to warfare in the spirit and finally powerful praise.

Our hearts were filled with joy and an enthusiastic attitude of thanksgiving broke out. Worship and high praise erupted as we began to celebrate the greatness of our glorious creator God. As the sounds of celebration from the musicians filled the room many began to dance before the Lord and then joined in a large circle dancing together. Psalm 145 to 150 were read with abandonment as we shouted, clapped and exalted the Lord. Songs of victory rattled the windows. The drums of celebration were deafening. The triumphant shouts of a liberated and victorious people empowered the meekest among us. In the middle of the celebration we lifted up the bread and the cup of the new covenant. We celebrated communion with joyful hearts and we worshipped. He is coming for His Bride and that in that day we will drink the fruit of the vine with Him once again at the wedding feast. How glorious is His name in all the earth! How worthy

to be praised. Worthy of all honor, praise and glory. This bright and glorious one. The Lord Jesus. Our King.

Let us press on to know Him and the beauty of His holiness and the brightness of His rising. May He bless you and lift up His face to you as you worship Him this week.

November 2003 - The Father's Love

We thought we would be involved in intense warfare worship during Washington Worships on the fourth weekend in November. We moved in intercession focused on the spirit of hate and violent terrorism threatened around the world. The Father's response was in an opposite spirit and Holy Spirit overwhelmed us with the love of the Father revealed in his Son Jesus. The Lord directed us in deep intercession and in an incredible time of intimacy as we touched the Father's heart. (John 3:16, 1 John 3:1-3) From the first watch nearly every song, prayer, prophecy and dance revealed the love of the Father. His love, mercy and grace were poured out upon us as we pressed into worship and intercession crying out for cities and nations, for victims of hatred and for those that hate God and his people. Our prayers were for mercy and grace so that all would come to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus the Messiah. How great is His love. How awesome are His ways.

The heart of the Father was revealed in various ways as many different verses were read and the worship teams moved in spontaneous worship and dance. In the second watch a woman danced, lingering around each person in the room. It was as if Holy Spirit had come into the room ministering to each person. Then someone spoke this interpretation of the dance. "I will send my Spirit into my Church. He will come and adorn her with beauty, with gifts and adornments. My Spirit will prepare her to come to me. My Spirit will clothe her in white linen and she will shine. She will be radiant." (Is. 60:1-5) The room erupted into spontaneous songs about the weight of His glory, His presence and songs of the bridegroom singing; "you are altogether lovely" and the bride singing: "you are worth of worship, praise, honor and glory forever." Then we moved into songs of intercession to save the city, to break forth in the city. Songs and prayers flowed, asking that the Lord would walk among us in the city and declare His majesty in the city. "There is a river whose water makes glad the city of God. We declare Washington the city of God. We say to the North, the South, the East and the West. Let the city be blessed. Send your river. Send your river. We declare this city, the city of God."

Throughout the night and the following day the watchmen were overwhelmed with His love. He is calling us to first love and to love one another and the lost as He has loved us. (1 John 3:11-16) One of the musicians sang of the year of revelation and freedom. (Is. 61:1-2) The watchman cried out for all the sons and daughters who have never known the Father's love. A prophetic song erupted, "I'm sending you out as vessels to reveal my love. I am sending you as vessels of light to push back the darkness. Called out vessels to connect with one another and come together as my Body" Then a prophetic word. "The children in darkness are coming. They are a generation who live in apathy but I will change their names. They will become like Pauls, Stevens and Deborahs but the name on their hearts will be my name, says the Lord. The children will be set free." Another song, "Ambassadors of the Lord go forth. There is nothing to hold you back. Nothing can stop his will from coming. Ambassadors, go out where you are sent. Let your light shine. Let your light shine. The more you love me the more your light will shine. My Ambassadors. My lighthouse. You will be a tower of safety. Let your love shine. Let your love shine." Our cry must be Send me, Oh Lord.

In the tenth watch late Saturday night we moved from intercession and the prophetic into a time of just waiting in the presence of the Lord. Dozens sat or lay down in the presence of the Lord and were filled with a sense of awe and wonder. The presence of the Lord intensified. Holy Spirit moved through the room revealing more of His love for more than an hour. Some said they had never experienced the love of God in such an intimate or intense way. The weekend closed with great joy and laughter as many rejoiced with new experiential knowledge and understanding of the Father's love, expressed in Jesus Christ and revealed through Holy Spirit. The Father loves you because you love His Son Jesus.

December 2003 - His Miraculous Provision

The month of December was an amazing time where the manifest presence of God filled our lives. Each meeting at The Gate and the Soaking Rooms was a progressive revelation of the love of the Father, expressed through the Son in the power of Holy Spirit. This theme spilled over to the Healing Rooms, the house church gatherings and all of our time together. How fitting in a month where the world pauses to remember that God so loved the world He sent His one and only Son Jesus so all who believe in Him will be saved.

At the first meeting of The Gate the presence of God was like fire and the drums echoed through the room like thunder with lightning. A woman began to dance around the room with her arms swirling and her whole body moving. Some saw with eyes of the Spirit and others sensed an angelic visitation. Then she dropped to her knees and began to speak from the Father's heart calling us deeper into relationship with him. His love poured out upon us and Holy Spirit brought a spirit of revelation upon us. Then those with broken hearts were called forth by the prophetic word and many were healed of deep wounds. Some experienced the Father's love in ways they had never dreamed of.

The next week opened with intimate worship. Singers and musicians ushered us into his presence. Immediately the prophetic word came calling us to come like Esther into the inner chambers of the King. Then a woman spoke of a vision of angels walking on stones of wisdom and revelation building us into the temple of the Lords habitation. The vision was tied to Colossians 3:2-3, "That "our" hearts would be comforted, being knit together in love and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God and of the Father and of Messiah in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." There was a very special impartation of wisdom and life to many.

Declaration, intercession and proclamation followed. Prayers of Ephesians 1:16-23 and Ephesians 3:14-21 were lifted up. The prophetic word continued to call for a deepening of our understanding and the revelation of the knowledge of the Lord. Holy Spirit led us into a deeper revelation of the Father and understanding of his everlasting love for us. One spoke of the eternal seed planted in us. Our lives are hidden in Jesus. His kingdom is being revealed in his people. Someone began to prophesy, "I have called you to eternal life. I am trying to tell you who you are. You will know who you are and you will see through eternity what I am calling forth in my Church"

Someone called us to be rooted and grounded in his love. To be reckless and abandon ourselves to God and He will gladly give us the kingdom and release it to His people. Another said that Jesus did not die so that we could just become better people. The kingdom of God is growing in us and a brand new thing is being formed. "Do you see? Do you see? Do you see? I am showing you who you are." The Lord answered our prayers and sent His spirit of revelation revealing His heart and His wisdom and fresh knowledge of who He is and His love for us.

Each week in December the Lord took us deeper and showed us His heart and affirmed His word by healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted. During the meetings, believers testified of healing taking place in grocery stores and of their neighbors being healed. Others testified about the lost hearing the gospel of the kingdom of God and coming into eternal life in Jesus. Some testified of people being healed in

restaurants and others healed and delivered in distant places by effective prayer and intercession. Some testified of His miraculous provision. This is the hour for His kingdom to be proclaimed and released into the streets and confirmed by the power of Holy Spirit in signs and wonders.

This is a new day and the Lord is calling us deeper. He is calling us to deeper understanding and intimacy. He is sending His spirit of revelation and we will begin to speak revelatory words as we proclaim His kingdom is come and we see His will being done on earth even as it is in heaven. The Father loves you because you love His Son. He has commanded us to love one another even as He has loved us. Let us love one another then with a pure heart and let us proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom wherever we are so that all may hear of the Father's great love and the gift of eternal life in Jesus.