

Scripture Songs #2 – May 1995

“My Sheep Hear My Voice”

There are many substitutes in the world for knowing God for yourself. Evil substitutes, good substitutes and even "holy" and precious ones from the heart of Christendom itself. But really there is no substitute for knowing God for yourself. (see Jeremiah 31.31-34) Jesus said, "The Father Himself loves you" and "My sheep hear My voice." In the beginning, as God was calling Israel to Himself, it was God's intention that the people would be near Him. "You shall be a special treasure to Me above all people... you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation". Exodus 19.5-6. Revelation 1.6 also says, "And [God] hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father." But shortly after God revealed His intimate intention with Moses, one of the worlds greatest tragedies occurred. "Then they said to Moses, 'You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.' And Moses said to the people, 'Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.' So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was." It is human nature to want someone to talk to and hear from God on our behalf. And what has ensued throughout history -- to this day -- is famine. " 'Behold the days are coming', says the Lord God, 'That I will send a famine on the land. Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord' " Amos 8.11. There is nothing so dear that God could want for a man, as hearing the voice of God in the inner sanctuary of the heart. Jesus paid a high price to make this a reality for every human being when He died on the cross, rending the temple veil, and entered the Most Holy Place with His own blood. What a rich treasure we have! What a wonderful and awesome opportunity we have to personally draw near to God, pushing our way through the thick, dark temple veil, to where God is. This place is hidden to all but those who walk by faith in Jesus Christ. Without faith it is impossible to recognize the entranceway. Moses saw a great "thick darkness." Today men see a thick, dark veil of silence and famine. Only men and women of faith know that God is "in the thick darkness"; that God is just on the other side of the temple veil; that the veil is actually rent! "This hope we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil." Hebrews 6.19 My dear brother and sister in Christ! Please endeavor to enter the Presence behind the veil. Please look past the thick darkness and heavy veil, and know that it has always been God's intention -- though untold centuries -- that you should come near Him by the blood of Jesus and personally minister before Him-- as a special treasure to Him; as a king reigning with Him for eternity; as a priest in the Most Holy Place. Lift up your head, redemption draws near you -- it does not stand far off! Enter in! Let no *one*, and no *thing* substitute for the real "knowing the joyful sound"; the real "hearing the Voice". May God anoint you this very moment for such abiding, sweet communion as this. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Suggestion for Listening to SS #2

Read the scriptures on which the songs are based. Perhaps take your bible and player to a quiet room and listen with headphones as you meditate on the scriptures and surrounding verses.

Apology

Please forgive me for occasionally straying from a verbatim quote of the scripture. Sometimes as I read and sang the *scriptures* their meaning so touched my heart that it gave back a joyful noise-- sometimes in my own words. When you personally worship, please do so with freedom and joy. Nevertheless, let us not rewrite scripture.

What these songs are

An Invitation

This music is intended to be an invitation into the secret place of the Most High. Not a substitute for personal worship. God will inhabit the praises of His people (Psalm 22.3). Allow your own heart to overflow with deep praises as you approach the world of your Father who sees in secret. Your own heart has been made for just such a purpose.

For Jesus

This music is for Jesus. We encourage you to listen for Him in this music. If He speaks to you as you listen, please respond to Him knowing that He loves and cares for you personally. He does not desire a second or third party relationship with any human being. "The Father Himself loves you." If your heart knows that it wants to give more of itself to its Faithful Creator, then please close the door to your quiet room & speak plainly & honestly with Him -- remembering to listen. There you will find the world which birthed these songs (and many others throughout the centuries). And you will find that the Most High & Exalted God will turn His head and look toward you.

What these songs are not

Not For Sale

Many in the Body of Christ are convinced that God's Word, the Gospel, and music that the Holy Spirit underwrites, are not for sale. The Apostle Paul was so convinced of this, that he refused to take payment from the early churches for himself (even if he could have). Paul made a distinction between the worker and the Work. And while he acknowledged that the worker was due his wages, the work itself was not for sale. Instead, he chose to be a maker of tents to pay his own way. And whatever he was given, he channeled to those in need. "Freely you have received, freely give" Matthew 10.8. With a price tag of nothing, the Gospel was affordable to any and every one. Also, please note that our intention in offering you this music is not to solicit donations, but to bless and encourage you. Period.

Not For Everyone

We realize that this music is not for everyone. If this is not your style of music, please pass it along to someone who may like it. (Please do not charge any money for passing it on).

May the blessings of the Lord be upon you!!!
Robert Evans

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Side One

- (1) The words of the Lord are pure
Psalm 12.6-7
- (2) Grace to you and peace
Gal 1.3-5
- (3) How precious are your thoughts to me
Psalm 139.17-18
- (4) Song of I Thessalonians (Song of the Pastor's Heart)
Based on I Thessalonians 1.1, 3.12, 2.8, 2.19-20
- (5) That the genuineness of your faith
I Peter 1.7
- (6) Praise the Lord from the heavens
Psalm 148.1-4
- (7) Blessed are the people who know
Psalm 89.15, also see Hebrews 6.19

Side Two

- (8) Blessed is the man who endures
James 1.12
- (9) For I know that the Lord is great
Psalm 135.5, 18.31, 34.8
- (10) Do not say I will repay evil
Proverbs 20.22
- (11) I know that whatsoever God doeth
Ecclesiastes 3.14
- (12) Oh that I had such a heart
Based on Deuteronomy 5.29
- (13) I will praise thee O Lord
Psalm 9.1-2, 9.6-8, 9.19-20
- (14) I will love thee O Lord
Psalm 18.1-3