

GOD IS MIGHTY

By Don Krider

Zephaniah 3:17 says: "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty..."

Matt 18:20 says: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

As long as we tried to become religious, God seemed to be afar off. So we had to try to pray through this, pray through that, but God is in the midst of thee. God is not afar off. Whatever you have need of, all you have to do is to begin to say, "Thank you Jesus. I thank you, Lord, for the God that is in the midst of me is mighty."

I am not going to wait to get to heaven to enjoy this thing. I am going to enjoy it now. If I need a healing, I need it now. If I need deliverance, I need it now. If I need something to eat, I need it now. I need a God who is in the midst of me. I need a God who is in the ship when I am in a storm. I need a God who can cause finances to come my way when I have need of them.

There are hundreds of commandments in the word of God, over three hundred in the New Testament alone. We are going to look at some of these commandments, and see how many of them we are really keeping. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my word. Not only my commandments, but you will keep my words."

Zephaniah had the revelation of the end time.

Zeph. 3:14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

The first commandment is to "**sing.**" I don't care what you feel like, God said, "**Sing.**" If you will be obedient to the Spirit of the Lord, when you are feeling bad you will start singing and you will feel good. Next the Lord said, "**shout.**" Shout! Wake up! If we start singing and shouting, we are on the way to keeping the commandments.

"Well, Brother Krider, if we start shouting everybody will leave." How do you know if you never tried it? I want to tell you, if you start shouting in the lobby, you are going to draw a crowd. If you start singing, people are going to start looking around to see what you are so happy about. The church ought to be singing, the church ought to be shouting. We have victory. We have power. We have righteousness. We have the Holy Ghost of God living in us, and God in the midst of us is mighty.

Did you ever start feeling sad and unhappy, but you started singing and things began to change? I used to start singing some old cowboy song like, "Feeling worse that I ever felt before, feeling worse that I felt the night before." No wonder I didn't feel happy.

There is a song to sing that the Holy Ghost gives you. It's a song that glorifies the Lord. There's a song that glorifies God that belongs to every saint of God. "***The Lord our God in the midst of thee is mighty.***"

You can have total, absolute victory. There doesn't have to be any doubt. There doesn't have to be any fear in your heart. You can live in the mighty victory of Christ, but you are going to have to be obedient to the word of the Lord.

He said, "Sing and shout, and next: be glad" "Well, Brother Krider, I want to be sad." No, God said to be glad. "Well, I have a right to be sad." Name me one right you have to be sad - just name me one. You don't have any.

God has passed you over from death to life; from darkness into light; out of bondage into victory and freedom. God has set you free.

You don't have a right to be sad; you have a right to be glad. Everything in the word of God is opposite and contrary to the natural man. The world is in sadness. The world is worried about everything, but the church should be glad. Look at what the word of God says:

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Every Christian is a walking miracle. Every one is a storehouse for God. Every one has every-thing that is needed to cause a revolution in men's lives, to change them from death to life to change them from sadness to gladness. But they are going to have to start seeing it in us first.

My God wants me to be happy. He doesn't want me to go around with a long face. He wants me to dance, sing, praise the Lord, and shout!

It's time the Church quit feeling sorry for itself. It's time the Church grew up, began to sit down with Jesus, walk in the power of God, dance before the Lord, sing before the Lord, be glad before the Lord, shout before the Lord, and rejoice before the Lord. "Well, Brother Krider, I've been a Christian a long time and I don't have anything to do." Start singing, start shouting, start praising, start rejoicing, start being glad.

Look at this, "***with all the heart, Oh daughter of Jerusalem.***" He isn't talking to all of us. He's only talking to those who are going to be His Bride. I happen to be one of them. I've never been a bride before, but I want mine to be the greatest wedding that ever took place.

If you think that I am going to be sorry about inheriting the Kingdom, you're wrong. If you think that I am going to be sorry about being a Queen on the throne with the King, you're wrong. I have news for you; I am going to snuggle right up with Him. I am going to say, "I love you," and He's going to say, "I love you," and we are going to have a love affair for all eternity.

God is telling me, "If you really love Me and you want to get married to Me, you had better start singing, shouting, dancing, praising, and rejoicing. Why? Because I am going to have a happy Bride. I'm coming for a Bride without spot, without blemish, and without wrinkle." He's not coming for an old prune-faced outfit, filled with wrinkles.

Rev 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness

of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

If you aren't happy about this now, you won't be happy about it then. If you can't shout about it now, you won't shout about it then. I have something to be happy about. The God who is in the midst of me is mighty. He is able to deliver me. He says to me: enjoy, dance, drink the new wine, laugh, rejoice, be happy.

We tell people how good God is to us but we look like we have been dunked in ammonia juice or baptized in dill pickle juice. Somebody asks you what you believe in. "Well, not much. I don't believe in dancing. I don't believe in drinking. I'm enduring, though, I'm enduring."

The word of God says, "Rejoice, rejoice and be exceedingly glad," not just glad but exceedingly glad.

Mat 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:

Why? Because God wants to show off His blessed praisers to all generations, through His Church.

Zeph. 3:15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

God took me out of judgment and put me into mercy - put me into grace. Hallelujah! There is no judgment against me. There is no condemnation against me. The God that is in the midst of me He is mighty! He is God! He has been born! He has risen again! He lives forever, and is seated on the right hand of God. "The Lord hath taken away thy judgments; He has cast out thine enemy."

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

He not only destroyed the power of death, He destroyed Him who had the power of death. The devil doesn't have any power in God's Church. He doesn't have any power in your life. The God that is in you is great in the midst of thee. He has taken away my judgments; He has cast out mine enemy. That's what the word of God says, so that settles it.

"He has cast out thine enemy: the King of Israel, even the Lord," My King is my Lord and Jesus is Lord. Jesus Christ is the Lord. The only way that you are able to call Jesus Christ the Lord, is because you have a revelation of Him given to you by the Holy Ghost of God. We had better begin to rejoice. I don't have any judgments against me; my enemy has been thrown out of the way.

I had a vision one time on this verse "He cast out my enemy." There was this little old trembling squirt over here that I have been afraid of for so many years. Then I saw God walk in, and He just picked him up and snapped him a few times real quick and threw him out. He said to me, "See what you have been afraid of."

The God that is in the midst of thee is mighty! Hallelujah! He said, "I want you to rejoice! The King of Israel, even the Lord is in the midst of thee. Thou shalt not see evil any more."

The Church goes around looking for evil all the time. If they can't find anything, they make it. If they don't have anything to worry about, somebody will give them something. If you believe this word from the Bible, you will be saying, "No more judgment for me! He's in the midst of me! He has cast out my enemy! He has done the work. I didn't do anything; He did it all."

"Well, Brother Krider, that's O.K. for you, but you don't know what I am going through." To tell you the truth, I've never walked in a fiery furnace, but there were three who rejoiced in one (**Dan 3:24-25**). I never got thrown in the lion's den but there was one who rejoiced because he did (**Dan 6:22-23**). The God who was in the midst of them was mighty. We need to begin to sing and shout and rejoice. We need to begin to praise God. We need to thank God that He is in the midst of us. Not the devil, not the world, not the unclean thing, but God Himself is in the midst of thee and He is mighty.

Zeph. 3:16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

Fear thou not. Shout, rejoice, sing, praise the Lord! Some people have to go around doing sit-ups to keep firm, but I just dance a lot. That's a lot more fun. I can get before God and shout and sing and dance, prophesy, and carry on. I can have myself a good time in God. Why? Because He's in the midst of me. He's not afar off. He is nigh thee, in the midst of thee. "To Zion, let not thine hands be slack." Don't get lazy about it; get your hands in the air."

There was a charismatic, full gospel, Pentecostal outfit called David, King of Israel. He didn't need anybody to play the flute. He didn't need anybody to beat the bongos. He had a song in his heart. He felt the beat of the Holy Spirit. He could feel the soles of his feet begin to move. He could feel the fire of God and he began to dance and shout. He began to prophesy, he began to enjoy the presence of God, and **all** of Israel began to dance with him.

2 Sam 6:14-16 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

We criticize other people for not dancing and we won't. When the Spirit is moving in a Church, we need to join in and enjoy what God is doing. There will be those like Michal, Saul's daughter, who will miss the move of God, but there will be others who will join in and be blessed.

"Well, Brother Krider, you know, let's be reasonable about this thing. People are going to talk bad about me if I start doing anything at all." It isn't going to make a whole lot of difference what you do.

If you are in a church with a preacher who wants to dance, sing and shout, they think you have already lost it. You might as well go ahead and enjoy it. The price is paid. God is moving by His Spirit. The Bible says to praise the Lord in the dance.

Ps. 149:1-6 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto

him with the timbrel and harp. For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

Ps. 150:1-6 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Rejoice, for the God who is in the midst of thee is mighty. Come on, Saints, shout with me. I'm on my way to a wedding, and I am going to enjoy it all the way. I've been having a continual feast. I've been enjoying the presence of God for years and it isn't getting worse; it's getting better. It isn't getting tiresome, friend; it's getting newer. The God that is in the midst of thee, He is mighty!

There is healing in that knowledge. Sickness cannot stay where the presence of God is. Depression cannot stay where the presence of God is.

There is something sweet about knowing Jesus. God who is in the midst of thee is mighty. Come on Saints, I'm getting married to the Lord! I don't have any sad story to tell you. He's going to keep me until I get there. He's going to take care of me, all the way across. He's going to heal all of my infirmities.

Zeph. 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

If God joys over us with singing, we ought to joy over Him with singing. If He rejoices over us, we ought to rejoice over Him. One of these days God's people are going to get hold of this and they are not going to look for a substitute. They are not going to look for another Bible. They are not going to look for another Church. They are going to start rejoicing over the Lord. They are going to start singing over God. He's rejoicing over you and He's doing it with joy.

Can't you just see it? Here's the Lord looking down on us, and His heart is bursting with joy waiting for us to come home. He says, "Gabriel, let's have a fit; she's mine." All the angels start dancing, singing, and praising the Lord - the Bride's on the way home! Come before the Lord with gladness. Make a joyful noise, all ye lands. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

Let's look at **Matthew 14:22-33**:

Mat 14:22-33 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter

answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

God walked upon that water and spoke to the clouds, spoke to the winds, spoke to the rain, spoke to the wild seas - got in that ship with them. Don't you know that Peter started shouting? Don't you know that he started saying, "The God who is in the midst of thee is mighty."

Isn't it amazing that when people go to a ball game they jump up, shout, scream and holler? God's people have an eternal right to shout. They have a commandment. Praise God! Glory to God!

In that day when Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, laid hands on the enemy and said, "I throw you out," don't you know the angels were rejoicing. Don't you know that all those who waited for His coming were rejoicing when they saw Him grind His heel on Satan's head (**Gen 3:15**)? The angels rejoiced. Everyone who waited for the Lord rejoiced, and Brother, I am going to rejoice over that victory. That victory is forever and it cannot be reversed.

He did it for me and I am going to thank Him by loving Him, and praising Him, and rejoicing before Him.

Ps. 98:1-9 A Psalm. O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp, with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Ps. 99:1-3 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

PRAISE YE THE LORD!