

## DAYS OF AWE RECORDING SCRIPT

The Kingdom of God is at hand. How do we know that? Jesus told us so. What is the Kingdom of God? It's ALL about the Kingdom of God! All that we see was created by God and for God - especially mankind. The Kingdom of God is Who God is. The Kingdom of GOD defines who we are as new creations. It really is all about the Kingdom! On many occasions the Lord simply said, "Repent, for the Kingdom is heaven is at hand."

Once, Jesus was invited to the house of a Pharisee, a devout religious man who believed his performance was the key to the Kingdom of God. Jesus had something to say about that. He said, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; and at the dinner hour he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.' Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.' Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.' And the servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.'"

Our God has set a feast of His presence right in our midst - a feast of the King for those dwelling in the Kingdom - and has invited us all to sit down and eat our fill. But many are content to sit beneath the table and settle for the crumbs of popularity or wealth or the wisdom of man. Are those things really what we want to build our lives on and around - or do we want to build our lives upon something that will last forever? If you are a child of the King - or if you want to be - He invites you to sit at the table with Him in the here and now. So, let us do that. Let us boldly sit at the table and enjoy the presence of our King.

### 1 THE KING IS COMING

There is only one Hope for mankind. There is only one name by which mankind can be saved from complete and utter separation from God...and that is the name of Jesus! We can be shackled by the fear of offending those who do not believe that or we can proclaim the truth of this basic Kingdom principle with our very lives.

No other prophet in all of history has declared they are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No other God made a way to deal with the sin of mankind.

No other God dared to lay down His life.

No other God conquered sin.

No other God defeated death.

No other God rose again as King of all Kings and Lord of all Lords!

He rides on the wind. His voice is like the thunder. He created all that is...yet He, by His very actions, declared that mankind was worth His own life! No other God chose to live His life in and through us. There is no other name under heaven by which man can be saved...and that is the mighty name of Jesus!

## 2 ONLY JESUS

We can either build our lives on a foundation of the wisdom of man or we can build our lives on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ. The wisdom of man is like building ones hopes and dreams upon a massive ice field. We look around and everyone else seems to be doing it so we conclude it must be right. To build our lives upon the wisdom of man leaves us in a frozen wasteland that leads eventually to disillusionment and desolation. We break away from the ice pack and call ourselves mavericks but our foundation is still a block of ice that goes with the flow of whatever the conventional wisdom of man may be...but it is still adrift and is taken by every current it comes into. Eventually the foundation melts away and we are left to drown with nothing to cling to.

Let us decide where we will build - where our foundation is - on the wisdom of God or on the wisdom of man. Our God has set us apart, church...apart for Himself and for His purposes. He is holy - and as new creations, He calls us holy!

Our God and His wisdom are vast and immense in power. His love for mankind is woven throughout all we can see, woven through the echoes of all who have gone before and throughout the hope of all we are to be. He is God and we are not. If we settle nothing else, let us settle that. He is God. Let us worship Him.

## 3 HE IS HOLY

Jesus came to seek and save all those who are lost - and that was ALL of us! We who are in Jesus are not meant to keep Him to ourselves. That would be ultimate selfishness. We are meant to prepare the way of the Lord by declaring Who He is by the way we live our lives. Worship is an attitude born out of the understanding of Whose and who we are. The way we prepare the way of the Lord is by walking relationally with Him and with others. I remember how lost I was before Jesus...and I remember how grateful I was once He found me. One of my greatest joys in life is seeing the light of Jesus come alive in the life of another.

When Jesus came into Jerusalem the week before His crucifixion, the people welcomed Him as king shouting 'Hosanna! Hosanna!' which means 'save us NOW!' They wanted earthly relief while Jesus desired to show them the eternal relief found in His Kingdom. Let us prepare our hearts for the way of the Lord anew right now...

## 4 HOSANNA

We can either be define by our performance or our past or by our circumstances or even our temptations OR we can be defined by the One Who created us in the first place. I have nine children, all adults now. When we get together it's a big deal. Recently my wife and I had the

privilege of having all our children home for a couple of weeks. Each night, we gathered in our living room and talked about their growing up years. Melinda and I just laughed and cried and didn't really even have to say much. We simply enjoyed BEING with our children...

And then it dawned on me. If I love being with my children this much and I am an EARTHLY father, how much more does my heavenly Father simply enjoy being in MY presence...in being WITH me?

We must remember that who we are as new creations WE had nothing to do with. In God's Kingdom plan, even the faith we placed in Him that assured our salvation was a gift from HIM! We had nothing to do with our redemption! It's all on Jesus! We no longer have to perform for His love or affirmation or approval. We already have it...but if we do not sit at the table of the King -- if we constantly tell God when and if and how much He can love us, we effectively place ourselves underneath the table of the King. Are you really content to settle for those kinds of crumbs? I'm not! Let us sit AT the table and bask in His great, unfathomable, indescribable love for us.

#### 5 INDESCRIBABLE

#### 6 DAYS OF AWE

Because of the nature of my testimony, I am constantly confronted with the wisdom of man. I am told I was never 'that' way - that I simply made up my story to sell recordings. What do I say to that? If I'm going to make up a story it's going to be better than mine!

I've been told I am brainwashed by religion...and to that I can agree to a certain extent. I HAVE had my mind cleansed with the truth of God but not by way of religion. I have had my mind renewed via RELATIONSHIP with my God!

I guess the one that actually gets to me - the one that hurts when I hear it - is this. 'You're doing more damage than good by telling someone they can change.' ALL I can say to that is this: I was once trapped in an identity I did not want. My heart was broken by the God Who loved me in the midst of that confusion. He changed me forever and gave me a brand new identity...and I want everyone in bondage of any kind to know there is a way out...and His name is Jesus.

After a recent bout of very real persecution, I went back to the basics. It's all about relationship with God. Intimacy. This song was born in the midst of deep hurt, betrayal, abandonment, and persecution. I cried out to God and he met me there...and He wants to do the same for you right now.

#### 7 WHEN I WORSHIP YOU

#### 8 BREATHE

#### 9 THE TABLE OF THE KING

The Kingdom of God IS at hand...but we must choose to be a part of it. We can settle for self-focus - it's all about me and my stuff - or we can settle for nothing less than God's best in this life. We are here for His glory and His purpose - not our own. It is in fulfilling our true calling and walking in our true identity that we discover the true joy and abundance of life.

The wisdom of mankind leads nowhere but to utter self-focus - like a child who does even its good deeds in order to be seen as good and to feel loved. In the Kingdom of God, we walk in maturity - focus on God and others - yet with the wonder of a child.

When's the last time you pondered the immensity of God and His love for you? When's the last time you boasted in your God like a child who says 'My dad can beat up your dad'? When's the last time you dared to dream or the last time you just ENJOYED the way God loves you?

Life is best lived from a Kingdom perspective. Learning to see even harsh circumstances from the King's point of view is key to victory and a conduit to joy. We can either view life from the enemy's point of view or from the King's? Which sounds more appealing to you?

Let us allow the Holy Spirit to fill us with the wonder of children as we allow the Kingdom of God to come into - to invade - every aspect of our existence. Let us un-clutter our lives just for a moment. Let us lay down our burdens here and now...and not pick them up again.

10 I WILL RUN TO THE ARMS OF MY FATHER

11 YOU ARE GOD AND I AM NOT

When I was a boy I often became so frustrated by circumstances that I would lash out in anger. During one of my tantrums my mom said, "That's just the Bristol in him" meaning that I was a lot like my fiery red-head great-grandparents, the Bristols!

But in the Kingdom reality of who Father says I am I could not ever get that thought to jibe with who Father says I am. The Holy Spirit told me I needed to view myself a lot like Lazarus. When Lazarus was called forth from death to life, he walked out of the grave fully alive but not yet as free as he was going to be.

Jesus said to those around Lazarus to loose from him the grave-clothes.

He said to me, "Son, see that anger you think defines you? That's part of the grave-clothes that USED to define you. Let's rip that old junk away. Now, see that heart of peace I planted in you? That's who you are. Just BE that!

Are you tired of settling for less than the Kingdom - less than God's best for you? Stand, right now, and receive this song from Father's heart to you. Believe and receive. This is your destiny. The Kingdom is at hand. Sit boldly at the table and be all God has called you to be!

12 RISE UP