BOOK REVIEW/SAMPLE DIVINE EXCHANGE VOL 1

FOREWORD

Throughout the ages the liturgical practice of praise and worship within the Christian Church has been regarded as an essential element for entering into the presence of God. Indeed the Psalmist calls upon us to "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise" [Psalm100:4].

An imminent danger, however, exists that within the regular practice of the spiritual disciplines much of it is merely done out of habit. I for one have very often wondered, when reflecting upon the words within our praise and worship, whether we really understand and mean that which is being sung.

In the writing of this book, Tania has invested much time and study in identifying many of the words and phrases sung in our worship and in a very eloquent way she directs our attention to the essence of these. In realizing this, one will no longer be an inactive participant in a form of worship, but the very words we utter will strike a chord deep within our spirits and cause our very praise and worship to become a life changing experience.

I highly recommend a careful study of this book to truly enable you to participate in meaningful praise and worship which will not only glorify God, but also have an impact on your life.

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How To Read This Book

This book is unlike any book you have read before. It is a PRACTICAL book, GUIDING you during your times of PRAISE and EXALTATION of our God, to SPEAK PROPHETICALLY into your life the TRUTHS of the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST. **This is a book that will help you lay down the earthly and EXCHANGE it for the heavenly if you read it prayerfully with an attitude of wanting DIVINE EXCHANGE**.

DIVINE EXCHANGE can be used during:

- Your **PERSONAL WORSHIP** TIME to GROW in your KNOWLEDGE of God, JESUS CHRIST and the KINGDOM VALUES.
- During practice times of **MUSIC TEAMS** to GROW TOGETHER in PROPHETIC and SPIRITUAL SONGS.
- As teachings to your **congregation** before worship to GROW TOGETHER in CORPORATE PRAISE.
- In your **family DEVOTIONS** to call upon our God and draw closer as a family in the POWER and TRUTHS of who God is.

The purpose of each WORD described in *DIVINE EXCHANGE* is that you shall use it as a MEDITATION. As its definitions **SPEAK TO YOUR HEART,** it is my prayer that you WILL SING WHAT YOU HAVE READ HERE, OUT LOUD, **MAKING IT A REALITY IN YOUR LIFE** and thus **DECLARING PROPHETICALLY GOD'S GRACE, PROMISES AND ETERNAL FUTURE OVER YOUR LIFE**.

It is my prayer that your songs during praise and worship will be more **PURPOSEFUL**, taking you into the BEAUTY OF HOLINESS, as you SING WHAT YOU LIVE, while you also LIVE WHAT YOU SING. I pray that a **DIVINE EXCHANGE** will take place and that you will receive beauty for ashes, a garment of praise instead of a heavy, burdened and failing spirit, that you will receive oil of joy instead of mourning, that you will be called oaks of righteousness and that those in prison and captivity will be released and the broken-hearted be healed (Is 61:1-4). This is the YEAR OF THE LORD! Let us PROCLAIM it through our PRAISES.

Inward Exchange

At this section you are welcome to jot down:

Emotions, habits, fears and circumstances in your life which you need to address and lay down for a

DIVINE EXCHANGE.

Here we EXCHANGE our SINFULNESS and LIES for the VALUES and TRUTHS of God's kingdom, made possible for us through the BLOOD OF JESUS.

Start PRACTISING THESE TRUTHS by:

SINGING them PROPHETICALLY OVER YOUR LIFE, DECLARING them through PRAYER.

These TRUTHS must become your NEW BELIEF-SYSTEM. Thus, when you are faced with personal challenges

again,

you will CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE to HOLD ON TO THE TRUTH

in the NAME OF JESUS and live what you now BELIEVE.

Outward Exchange

The DIVINE INWARD EXCHANGE needs to be DIVINELY EXPRESSED OUTWARDLY in your RELATIONSHIP with GOD, FAMILY, FRIENDS, STRANGERS, SAINTS, SINNERS, at WORK, HOME and in EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE and CIRCUMSTANCE. How will the INWARD DIVINE EXCHANGE be outwardly expressed during challenging circumstances?

Corporate Exchange

GOD DESIRES that the DIVINE EXCHANGE in us also be MANIFESTED IN OUR CHURCH to facilitate a CORPORATE EXCHANGE for the DIVINE THINGS OF GOD. This happens through us when we are ACTIVELY INVOLVED in MINISTRIES and DEALING WITH PEOPLE in a DIVINE way, CONTRIBUTING HIS PRESENCE in CORPORATE WORSHIP. How will this INWARD DIVINE EXCHANGE be manifested through you, in your church?

1. A VERY PRESENT HELP

(Ps 46:1 AMPL) GOD IS our Refuge and Strength [mighty and impenetrable to temptation], *A VERY PRESENT and well-proved HELP IN TROUBLE*.

HELP Hebrew âzar (OT: H5826) To **SURROUND**, **PROTECT** or **AID** (relieve; assist; support; give support to; minister to; sustain; serve).

God is VERY PRESENT when we need Him most.

(Ps 46:2 AMPL) **Therefore we will not fear**, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the seas.

He is our **ETERNAL** refuge and **HELP** and can **PROVIDE STRENGTH** in any circumstance.

God is not a temporary retreat.

In the face of utter destruction we must **EXPRESS** our **CONFIDENCE** in God's ABILITY to **HELP** and **SAVE**.

A VERY PRESENT HELP

Inward Exchange

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Outward Exchange

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Corporate Exchange

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I share

EXCHANGE DYNAMICS

I exchange loneliness, fear, frustration and anxiety, for A VERY PRESENT HELP in JESUS. He is my FRIEND, PROTECTOR and HE IS my STRENGTH. Even when my life is in danger, HE IS WITH ME to SAVE and PROTECT.

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I exchange insecurities, impatience and rudeness to others because of fear and anxiety, for A VERY PRESENT HELP in JESUS that comforts me. I am now able to also comfort and strengthen others as my HELP IS VERY PRESENT.

I exchange handling situations with impatience and rudeness, for A VERY PRESENT HELP.

2. ABBA FATHER

(Rom 8:15 AMPL) For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing son-ship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, **ABBA** (Father)! FATHER!

We have not received a spirit of slavery to relapse again into fear and terror, but the Spirit of freedom and sonship **TO BREAK EVERY BONDAGE.**

God is the Father of His people in ADVERSITY and PROSPERITY.

ADOPTION AS ABBA'S CHILDREN:

- God took us in and treats us as His **OWN CHILDREN**, not strangers.
- He receives us into relationship with Him.
- Through **REGENERATION** He gives us the **NATURE** of children.
- We are, therefore, now under His **PROTECTION** and **CARE**.

AS ABBA'S CHILDREN WE ARE NOW BOUND TO:

- Manifest toward Him the spirit of children.
- **YIELD** to Him **OBEDIENCE** in **REVERENCE** and **LOVE** of Him.
- **DISPLAY** a **MEEK**, **HARMLESS** and **INOFFENSIVE** spirit.
- Live in **FREEDOM**, having the complete **MIND of God**.

OUR PRIVILEGES AS ABBA'S CHILDREN:

- ACCESS to our heavenly Father at all times (Rom 5:2; Eph 2:18).
- ABUNDANCE of LOVE (Rom 5:5; Eph 3:17-19).
- His **STRENGTH** and **ENCOURAGEMENT** in trials (2 Cor 12:7-10).
- His **TOTAL PROTECTION** (Luke 21:18).
- His GUIDANCE (Ps 32:8).
- His **DISCIPLINE** and **TRAINING** (Heb 12:7-11).
- An **ETERNAL INHERITANCE** (Rom 8:17; 1 Pet 1:3-5).

The Spirit in us draws forth the **exclamation in our hearts** under the vitalizing energy of the Spirit, we cry out:

"Abba Father"!

Indicating an **affection of our souls** toward God and an outward calling of **CONFIDENCE** upon our God as a Father. *(Gill Commentary in e-Sword)*

ABBA FATHER

EXCHANGE DYNAMICS

Inward Exchange	I exchange feeling rejected and worthless, for MANIFESTING THE
I receive	SPIRIT OF A CHILD as I am a WELL-LOVED child of Abba Father.
	As long as I reject Abba Father I shall feel rejected. But as I
Outward Exchange I trade	accept Him and YIELD TO HIM in OBEDIENCE I shall
	EXPERIENCE HIS ACCEPTANCE and FEEL LOVED.
l express	 ~ ~ ~ I exchange rejecting and ignoring others because I feel
	rejected, for THE SPIRIT OF
Corporate Exchange	ACCEPTANCE that is within me. Because I am accepted by the
I trade	Father, I have the ability to also accept others.
I share	 ~ ~ ~ I exchange selfishness and unfriendliness to people at church. for

106. LAMB OF GOD

(John 1:29 AMPL) The next day John saw Jesus coming to him and said, Look! There is the **LAMB OF GOD**, who takes away the sin of the world!

LAMB OF GOD in Latin AGNUS DEI

The LAMB symbolizes **JESUS' SUBMISSION** to God's will as well as His **MEEKNESS** and **INNOCENCE**.

The Lamb had been slaughtered; the wounds inflicted on JESUS' body during His trial and crucifixion can still be seen.

In the Old Testament lambs were sacrificed to atone for sins.

The LAMB OF GOD died as the FINAL SACRIFICE for all sins (Is 53:7; Heb 10:1-12, 18).

JESUS lived a PERFECT LIFE of OBEDIENCE to God, DYING ON THE CROSS for the sins of the world, RISING from the dead to show His POWER and AUTHORITY over evil and death.

Only JESUS CONQUERED SIN, DEATH, HELL AND SATAN and only JESUS can be trusted with our FUTURE.

Seven-fold Ascription to the Lamb (Rev 5:12): (Dake Topical Index) Power – Omnipotence. Riches – Possessions (John 17:5). Wisdom – Omniscience. Strength – Ability (<u>Heb 7:25</u>). Honour – Reputation (<u>Heb 1:4</u>). Glory – Praise (<u>Phil 2:9-11</u>). Blessing – Worship (<u>Rev 5:12-13; Rev 7:12</u>).

LAMB OF GOD **EXCHANGE DYNAMICS Inward Exchange** I exchange holding on to sin, for the I trade PERFECT OFFER AND FINAL SACRIFICE in JESUS, by repenting and turning to Christ, I receive living in His POWER, ruling over death and evil. I choose to have His MEEKNESS be made effective in my life above having the **Outward Exchange** world's arrogance that only leads to I trade death. $\sim \sim \sim$ I exchange a hard heart towards family I express and friends for the **MEEKNESS** and **INNOCENCE** of the LAMB OF GOD, thus CONQUERING sin, death, hell and Satan **Corporate Exchange** by living a life of love I trade toward others. ~ ~ ~ I exchange powerlessness for the I share **AUTHORITY AND** POWER OF JESUS by living in meekness



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