

# Vision of Praise

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*From the editor*

In the mission trip to Hawaii last November, Mitsuko said, "One person's praise becomes all creation's praise. In the worship, in the Body of Christ, one person is no longer one but all, representing all. I believe this is the worship He wishes." And in April, in the next mission trip to Hawaii, it was proclaimed that the time of New Worship has come to each one of us. In Hawaii, a new praise "Heal Our City" was sung, and we received God's wish for us to pray for the healing of the earth. The new time has started!

Now we'd like to share with you the message delivered in Hawaii, "The Time of New Worship" by Mitsuko.

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## The Time of New Worship

Mitsuko

Last November, Pastor Peter and I visited Hawaii after seven years' absence. At that time upon arrival and throughout our stay, I felt unexplainable pain or sorrow over this beautiful island. That must be because during these seven years the earth was damaged by global warming and by man's senseless needs for developing lands.

Hawaii is the belly button of the earth. When the earth is in pain, the belly button must be most pained. It means if Hawaii is healed, all the earth will be healed; when Hawaii is filled with praise of the Lord, all the earth will be filled with His praise.

This time in April, we arrived in Hawaii the day before yesterday, and found the pain and sorrow becoming less and less. I do not believe it is because of the change of the season

or the weather, but because of your and our praise and prayer.

Last November, the Lord had spoken to us “Time has rolled on,” and the door was opened to a new dimension of healing. The time of new worship has come, and it will start from Hawaii.

I feel strongly that the praise has been wanted and waited for in the islands so much. There are some praise gatherings in Hawaii, but more praise, “to praise the Lord alone,” is being waited here.

It is to praise the Lord Jesus Christ, who created everything. However, there are many praise-like things such as praise to claim my righteousness, praise to seek my satisfaction, or praise to admire people for their achievement.

If our praise is only for our enjoyment, it is not true praise, because we are unable to praise when we are in trouble or pain. Whether we are happy or not, we willingly praise the Lord because He died for us on the cross.

There is such praise as to be called pure praise which harmonizes with the Lord’s wish and His prayer.

In the year of 2000, praise songs were given to my mouth one after another.

I then discovered that everything has its own Hibiki, resounding tune, within itself. It is a kind of sound resounding in its divine origin. It reminds me of what John said: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made (John 1:1-3).

When I attune myself to the sound, I hear its melody. All things have their own resounding melodies. Among all,

however, the scriptures have the most beautiful resounding melodies.

Accordingly, every person has his or her resounding tune, for we are created by the Word. It is the breath of life that God breathed into man's nostrils when He created man, forming man out of the dust of the ground, and man became a living thing (Genesis 2:7).

Since we are made of the Word, which is the resounding tune, we are the praise itself. We exist and live to praise the Creator. When we, who have the inner resounding tune, believe in God and praise the Lord, the resounding tune in ourselves will be changed into a new praise.

This is the pure praise in harmony with the Lord who is praying for us now and forever.

In 2001 or 2002, when I visited Hiroshima which was attacked by Atomic Bomb more than sixty years before, I heard the Lord praying for peace while we were driving in the town. That moved me, and a new praise was given then.

In the wind I hear a voice of a prayer,  
the prayer of the Lord who is praying for peace.

And just last Thursday, a week before I left Japan for here, another new praise was given.

I say a praise is given, because it is true. The way a song is given is so unique or unusual that I cannot explain it clearly. I cannot make or compose it. I only catch the melody. I hear it mostly through my ears. Sometimes I find it already in my ears.

On that Thursday while riding a bike toward the seashore, I began catching a tender and beautiful melody coming from the sea. It sounded like a prayer.

The wind was blowing with the melody from the south shore where I was going to fish. The wind was too strong for me to go on riding the bike. I stopped on the half way.

As the melody was clear enough, I called the office and asked one of the staff to write down the note. As soon as we finished taking the note, the wind stopped, and I could easily go to my fishing spot.

This praise is “Heal My City,” later changed to “Heal Our City.” This is the prayer of the Lord. He is praying for us, for our city (His city), and for all people (His family).

I remember the scripture from Acts 18:9-10.

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man shall attack you to harm you; for I have many people in this city.”

Truly, the Lord is praying for our city. He wants to heal His people. He wants us to pray for the healing of the earth, especially this time, the healing of cities and people.

Believing His wishes for this praise song, we started singing it the next day at church.

Coincidentally, a few days later, a big earthquake hit in China, to our sorrow. Almost every time a new praise song of healing for the earth or people is given, a big disaster happens as if coincidentally. I cannot explain the coincidence, but I believe in His wish and His prayer to heal in advance, because all countries are His cities and all people are His people. Had we not praised, I am afraid, an even worse disaster might have occurred.

Now I believe this praise is given for our worship in Hawaii. He wants us to praise from Hawaii for the healing of the whole earth.

Last year in Hawaii, He told us “Time has rolled on,” which means “Time has moved forward.” The time has come for us to praise in harmony with the prayer of the Lord.

All of us have the resounding tune within us. When the inner tune comes out of us to praise the Lord, it will become one with His prayer. And when our praise becomes one with His prayer, the praise (the prayer) will be done on earth and in heaven.

Also, when our praise becomes one with the Lord, the praise and prayer of people in heaven will be joined. In one body of Christ, our praise shall be given to God seated on the throne and the Lamb slain.

This praise is the power itself. It is the healing power. It makes everything, even illness, sing praise.

In the worship, in the middle of the praise, His healings often take place. Healing is manifested because He already died for us on the cross.

Of all His healings, there is one beautiful healing, which I call the healing of healings. First I experienced it when laying my hand on a person’s knee. She was suffering from severe pain in her knee unable to walk or run.

Her knee bone moved in harmony with the praise. When a phrase of the praise was long, her bone moved slowly. When it was short and fast, her bone jumped and trembled rapidly under my hand. And when it stopped moving, she began to walk swiftly and dance, shouting in joy, “All my pain has gone away!”

This was the first time I witnessed such healing perhaps a few years ago. I knew then even the illness wants to praise

the Lord. When the illness praises in harmony with the resounding tune, the illness will be healed.

I have since forgotten about it. And the last time when we had the worship here in Hawaii, in the prayer time after the worship, I saw the same healing taking place.

One person's illness was praising (moving) in harmony with our praising, "Amen for Healing." I then witnessed the beautiful healing again in Hawaii.

The Lord showed us that praise heals not only illness but also the land itself, the sea, and all things, because the Lord Himself is praying for the healing of the earth. When we believe it and become one with the tune of His prayer, His healing is done.

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