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## Sound

A tree falls in the forest. Does it make a sound? Of course it makes a sound! Yet only those with an ear to hear are able to hear the sound of the falling tree. Proverbs talks about wisdom calling out to those passing by, yet only those with an ear to hear wisdom's advice give heed. The same is true of everyone who listens intently for sounds from Heaven. Only those whose ears are open will hear.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, probably spoke to Elizabeth many times as a young child, but it was not until Mary heard a sound from Heaven through an angel and believed what she heard that something changed.

**Luke 1:38** when Mary responded to the words of the angel and said, "Let it be unto me according to your word.....according to the sound you are releasing to me".....something changed in Mary because of the sound she heard from Heaven.

*Once we hear the sound of Heaven, we will never be the same.*

**Luke 1:41** and it happened as Elizabeth *heard* the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. NKJ - (And it happened when Elizabeth heard the greeting from Mary - Mary was pregnant with sound - and that sound connected with the sound that Elizabeth carried in her womb, something changed in Elizabeth.)

Listen to Elizabeth give testimony with a *loud* voice of this 'sound exchange' a few verses later.

**Luke 1:42-44** Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting *sounded* in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy." NKJ

Hearing sound, believing what you heard, and then turning to release that same sound are all equally important.

Ray Hughes, a speaker renowned for his teaching on sound and what its significance, had this to say about sound at the 2010 U.S. National Conference. "The way sound works is like this. If I go over to the piano and I hit an 'A' note in the middle of the piano, there will be 440 vibrations per second, in visible waves of energy that will come across through the room and touch your ear drum and your ear drum will begin to vibrate 440 times per second as well and come into agreement with the sound that it hears."

Was this what happen when Mary heard the message delivered by an angel? Did a Heavenly sound began to vibrate and connected with her spirit and her spirit became alive with the sound? Everywhere she went, she released the same sound, and whoever had an ear to hear would hear the sound, begin to vibrate with it, and come alive with the same sound.

Is this still happening with us today?

*We hear the sound the Lord is making towards us.*

**Genesis 3:8** They *heard* the sound of the Lord walking.

**Genesis 3:10** They *heard* the voice of the Lord.

**Psalms 77:17** The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a *sound*.

Sometimes the sound releases a clear direction for us. Our ear, our spirit *must* be tuned to hear the sounds of Heaven.

**2 Samuel 5:24** When you *hear* the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, advance quickly.

**I Kings 18:41** Elijah *heard* the sound of the abundance of rain. Elijah was so confident in the sound he heard, that he sent his servant back seven times, looking for the evidence of the sound. “Go look again for I hear a sound and it sounds like abundance.”

Elijah believed in the sound he heard. His ear was tuned to the sounds of Heaven. He kept releasing the sound until his servant saw the evidence of the sound – a cloud the size of a man’s hand!

Ray Hughes went on to say, “When God spoke out of the desire of His heart, the sound of His voice caused a manifestation and that sound created all things. He created all things and everything that He created still vibrates.”

“Every region and every people group have their own unique sound. There is coming a day where He is going to reveal His glory to all nations, all tribes, and all tongues and they are going to resonate in what He created us to be.”

*The Lord hears the sound we make on earth that releases His glory, His majesty, and His purposes for our day.*

**Matthew 3:5** John the Baptist began to release a sound “People from Jerusalem and from all over the Jordan Valley, and, in fact, from every section of Judea went out to the wilderness to *hear* him preach.” (The Living Bible) What a powerful sound John released. People were drawn to the sound.

*People will be drawn when you release the sound of Heaven in your nation.*

**Acts 2** The believers were in one place having a prayer meeting. There was a sound being released that made a demand upon Heaven that released the answer to their sound. Vs 2 “And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they had been sitting.” (New King James)

*God hears the sound released from your heart.*

**Jeremiah 31:15-17** God heard the sound of weeping and made a promise. “Thus says the Lord: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.’ Thus says the Lord: ‘Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded,’ says the Lord, ‘and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. There is hope in your future,’ says the Lord, ‘that your children shall come back to their own border.’”

**I Samuel 1:13** “Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard.” Yet the Lord heard the cry released for a son and answered. The cry from her heart, touched Heaven, and an answer was released.

Jane Hansen Hoyt shared this truth in her 2010 conference message at the U. S. National Conference:

*What do you think of when you hear our theme - The Sound? Do you look here? Do you look there? Do you wonder what the new sound will be? I want to say, "It's coming from within you!" We are making a sound in the Earth!*

*I want to just share a phrase that was from a prophetic word given in 2008, "A new level of prayer is opening up. It is prayer based on permission granted. It's prayer that has a different sound." Think about Hannah. The sound of Hannah, weeping in the tabernacle. She was so overcome with her own grief, the focus of her heart, the desire of her heart, to have a child, to have a son. It was bitterness so great within her that it penetrated her very soul. She went up to the house of the Lord, she wept, and she would not eat.*

*One day something shifted in Hannah. There was an inward shift in her heart and her focus turned. It turned from what she wanted to receive for herself to something much bigger. She made a vow and she said, "If You will give me a son, I will give that son back to You, that he might serve You all the days of his life."*

*As the desire of her heart and the prayer of her heart becoming aligned with Heaven, it became aligned with the desire in God's heart to have a voice, to have a prophet in the land because the word says there was no word of the Lord in that day - there was barrenness in the land. Hannah was only a picture of what a barren situation looks like. But once the inward shift happened within Hannah and her desire aligned with Heaven, she received a personal upgrade and God received something that satisfied His own heart.*

*Once she was aligned with Heaven, and permission was granted, her face became radiant. Once she had a glimpse of the sovereignty, and the majesty of God, the sound of a woman crying out in the bitterness of her soul, became the sound of a woman worshiping His majesty. It was the sound of victory.*

*The word says as she began to extol the Lord, "My heart rejoices in the Lord. My heart is exalted in the Lord. I smile because I rejoice in the God of my salvation. There is no one Holy like the Lord. There is none beside Him."*

*I believe that as we have walked together these years, and God has touched our lives personally, many of us have experienced difficult situations. Its life's journey isn't it? And yet as we have allowed God to captivate us, as we have allowed ourselves to be captivated by Him, His glory and His majesty, there has been a shifting within our heart, in our spirit, in our focus, and in our attention. As we aligned with heaven, our prayers are prayers of agreement.*

*He says in Matthew, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in the Earth as it is in Heaven." There has come a transitioning of the sound that comes from Aglow. It is a sound that is aligned with Heaven. It is a sound that speaks in the Earth what we are hearing in Heaven. It has been birthed out of a deepening, glorious relationship with our Bridegroom - the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords.*

*Last year when Mike Bickle was with us at the 2009 International Conference in Louisville, KY, USA, he thanked Aglow. He said, "I'm grateful to God for Aglow's 40 years of courage, dedication, and risk taking. Truly, it's a movement sent from Heaven. It's a gift to the Body of Christ. I have observed that wherever Aglow women and men go, the water level in the Body of Christ in that geographically area increases."*

*I want to say to you, "The water level is rising. The water level has risen within you. And the water level is rising within Aglow. Aglow is born for such a time as this. Let the new sound form in you. Do not get caught up in old ways, old form, old structures, or old ways of thinking."*

*"It is a new day, a new time, a new season, and a new way. You need to take a step. Step into it. Lord, we hear Your sound. You've been speaking to us again and again and again. Take away dullness from our hearing. Take away old habit patterns, and old ways of thinking. Take away what worked in the past 40 years and let it give way to the new of the next season. We say, "Yes to the way of Your spirit." We say, "Yes to the new thing You are forming." We say, "Yes to the new day, the new way." To the clarifying sound of this day that You have formed us for, we say, "Yes". Aglow says, "Yes." We say, "Yes."*

*"Open your spirit. It's a prophetic sound. It's a penetrating sound. It's a sound that will shift your nation, your community, and your family. It's a sound of Heaven. It's the glory of the Lord. Look up and see. It's increasing. It's increasing in the air. Open your mouth and let the sounds of Heaven come forth."*

**If there is a worship team available, have them ready to move into worship at this point. If a worship team is not available, have a CD prepared that can flow from song to song with worship that releases a sound into the atmosphere.**

- ◆ **Lead the attendees into taking a step to release the new sound that God has formed within them.**
- ◆ **Take as much time as necessary to allow the new to come forth.**
- ◆ **Be open to moving back and forth between worship that releases a new sound and declaration that gives expression to prophetic words specifically spoken to the group. Can be specific to a Lighthouse or Candlelight, or even regionally, or nationally.**
- ◆ **If someone speaks too long, draw the attention back to worship and focus to see where the Holy Spirit will lead.**