

The Music

I have a hammered dulcimer that I'm still trying to learn to play. It's an instrument with about 100 strings strung across a trapezoidal sounding board. If it's not perfectly tuned, the sound is a bit thin, tinny...and a bit irritating. But when the board is in perfect pitch, then the striking of a single note produces an incredibly rich, full tone. That's because when the note is struck, it resonates with a fifth and an octave above that note, causing two more strings to vibrate. And the two new notes resonate with fifths and octaves above them. And so on and so on.

What you hear is a single note and all that resonated with it!

It seems to me that the Word of God is like this. It resonates with all that God has created, because all that He has created is in tune with Himself. When you hear an Angel of God, you hear something that causes all God's creations to vibrate higher and higher...up to the very Mountain of God. By becoming a part of the vibration you become a part of the Kingdom of God. (It reminds me a bit of *string theory*, but that's another story...)

I was kneeling in the pews, waiting to sing a solo on Christmas Eve. The year, 1997. What a silly thought! How could I possibly sing anything?! My throat hurt beyond description, I was coughing, and had trouble breathing. I should have been at home in bed...and, yet...here I was.

“I can’t do this, Abba. You know I can’t do this. If you want these people to hear this song, then you’ll have to sing it yourself.”

And, when the time came, I stood up...knowing that I would make a fool of myself in front of all those people. Imagine my surprise, then, when I heard the sweet, gentle sound of God’s angel singing from within. I was at once singing and listening....amazed at what I heard. And, apparently, so was everyone else. I tried to tell them that it wasn’t me...that it was an angel...but they just looked at me in a funny kind of way. How do you explain what you know to be True...what you know that everyone heard but didn’t understand? That every Word of God and every Miracle is tied together in a kind of music that lifts the soul higher and higher.

Did you hear?

An angel sang on Christmas Eve.

With sounds that set in motion

All the resonance of God,

A finely tuned Creation

Sang along.

Did you know?

The music makes us whole.