

P108

Grace Notes Program  
SERIES: INTIMACY with GOD  
TITLE: Intimacy demands respect  
SONGS: I lift my Hands  
I Lift My Song

Welcome to 'Grace Notes' brought to you by Sandbek Concert Ministries.  
Let's join concert artist and author, Barbara Sandbek, as she continues her  
series 'INTIMACY WITH GOD' with 'Intimacy demands respect'.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: Bob Farrell / Word Music/Summerdawn Music

\*\*\* I Lift My Hands \*\*\* LENGTH: 3:40

\*\*\*\*\*

**VERSE 1:**

*My Father in Heaven - Who reigns in power and glory  
Your Kingdom eternal - Thy Word is everlasting  
Almighty Creator - Who rules a vast dominion  
Enduring forever - through countless generations  
Praise the Lord from the highest of mountains  
Praise the Lord in the lowest of valleys  
For as long as I live I will give You praise*

**CHORUS:**

*I lift my hands to You in the Heavens where You reign  
I lift my hands to You and the Glory of Your Name  
And to the wonder of Your love - I lift my hands.*

**VERSE 2:**

*My Watchman, my Keeper - whose eyes are ever on me  
I wander, You find me - and rescue me from danger  
My Blessed Redeemer - spared not Your Son to save me  
You cleanse me and crown me with great love and compassion  
Let the words of my mouth be as praying  
May my prayers be as incense before You  
And for as long as I live - I will give You praise*

*(Repeat Chorus 1):*

*No other God before Thee - You are my Lord, will always be  
Praise the Lord from the highest of mountains  
Praise the Lord in the lowest of valleys  
For as long as I live - I will give You praise*

***(Repeat Chorus):***

***CHORUS 2:***

***I lift my hands to You in the Heavens where You reign  
I lift my hands to You for You're worthy to be praised  
I lift my hands to you - and the Glory of Your Name  
And to the wonder of Your love - I lift my hands.***

***And to the wonder of Your love - I lift my hands.***

**So far in our series we've covered some of the barriers to intimacy with God...lack of knowledge...our transgression against Him...and harboring unforgiveness.**

**Today I want to talk about another barrier to an intimate relationship with the Lord - LACK OF RESPECT.**

**Lack of respect is one of the major contributors to the demise of marriages and other relationships today.**

**And this filters over in our treatment of God, too.**

**People have become so familiar with the 'GOD' word that it no longer has the connotation it used to.**

**We dub God as 'Big Brother' or 'The man upstairs'.  
We treat Him like a puppet...pull His string and He'll respond.**

**What AMERICA NEEDS is a HEALTHY FEAR OF ALMIGHTY GOD!**

**Yes, God wants us to be intimate with Him, in fact we can call Him Abba Father, which means daddy, but just like we know we must respect our earthy fathers, we must always remember that our Heavenly Father is God - He deserves the most respect of all.**

**Who are we anyway? Better yet, WHO IS GOD?**

**In Isaiah 40...God asks us questions to help us better understand his greatness. He says...**

**Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand or with the breath of his hand marked off the heavens?**

**Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket or weighed the**

**mountains on the scales & the hills in a balance?**

**Who has understood the mind of the Lord or instructed Him as His counselor?**

**Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten Him and who taught Him the right way?**

**Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket, they are regarded as dust on the scales, he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth and its people are like grasshoppers.**

**We'll respect God more if we consider who He is and who we aren't.**

**The Prophet Isaiah realized who he WASN'T when he had an actual encounter with the living GOD. He said in Isaiah 6:5...**

**"Woe is me...I am ruined...for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips & my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty!"**

**The word ruined or undone, actually meant that all his joints were pulled out of their sockets. That's how astounded he was over the awesomeness of God!**

**I was praying one morning and after thanking God for all the THINGS he does, I stopped & just thanked Him for WHO HE IS and for the beauty of His holiness. When is the last time you did that?**

**Hebrews 12:28 says...we must WORSHIP God acceptably with reverence and AWE.**

**To worship means to ascribe WORTH to. What is God really worth to you?**

**Worship is saying "WOW" to God just for WHO HE IS!**

**We, of all God's creatures should be most in awe.**

**We alone - have tasted His GRACE and FORGIVENESS**

**We alone - are the BRIDE of Christ.**

**God DESERVES WORSHIP!**

**But we worship only when He has lived up to our expectations.**

**I've heard people say they're angry at God - even hate Him.**

**Why? Because He's DISAPPOINTED them...He didn't do things their way.**

**Do we ever disappoint God? Do we always do what he wants?**

**We expect SO MUCH out of God...**

**but don't expect Him to expect anything out of us.**

**Almighty God should be on the PEDESTAL of our HEARTS but instead for most of us the 'I' takes the throne.**

**There's a 'Tower of Babel' desire in all of us.**

**Genesis 11:4 says, the people built the Tower of Babel to make a name for themselves.**

**Our purpose for being created is to glorify God.**

**When we function in that capacity, He turns it around and gives us glory; not because we deserve it, but because of His great mercy.**

**Take Abraham, for example. God said that He would make Abraham's name a blessing for all time because he trusted and was faithful to Him.**

**We need not try to raise our own flag, or build our own tower.**

**God will lift us up as we lift His Name up.**

**When we try to do it our way, we'll end up confused as to our purpose in life, and be rendered ineffective. Our words will become nothing more than babble to those around us.**

### ***OUR PLACE***

***by Barbara Sandbek***

***Men come and they go...their lives are soon past.***

***But only one man left a mark that will last.***

***He gave up His Glory when He left Heaven's splendor***

***To come here to earth...His life to surrender.***

***He became a servant..though He was a King***

***So we could spend all eternity with Him.***

*He suffered beyond what a man could endure  
To make our salvation a thing that is sure.*

*Abused and rejected by those that He loved,  
He was beaten and bruised...kicked and shoved.*

*He showed no concern for His own rights;  
Understanding His mission was to win the fight.*

*The battle between forces of evil and good  
Was fought at Mt. Calvary where the rugged cross stood.*

*The vict'ry was won when He rose from the dead  
And He gives us freedom from the Hell that we dread.*

*God gave us our lives to live out for Him.  
When we focus on ourselves, then He calls that 'sin'.*

*He made us who we are and expects us to be  
Content with our place in society.*

*He will exalt us - when the time comes.  
If not here on earth, then in Heaven be done.*

**Before every concert, I warm myself and the atmosphere up with a song I never tire of. It perfectly depicts how I feel about God. As I sing, I create a picture in my mind with the words and it helps me focus on His greatness. As you listen, try to do the same. You just might find yourself in worship...**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: Annie Herring**

**\*\*\* I LIFT MY SONG \*\* LENGTH: 3:45**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**Verse 1:**

*I will fill the morning with His praise.  
I'll extol the Ancient One of days.  
For He is worthy of all honor and worthy to obey.  
He fills each day with living wonder as the  
sun unfolds its rays.*

**Verse 2:**

**God of my life hear my cry to Thee.  
Let Almighty meekness move through me.  
Let every song I sing be songs that bring Your  
Presence ever near  
Where I can hide my heart when all seems dark  
and break the web of fear.**

**Chorus:**

**As I lift up my hands unto the King  
Darkness is torn away...losing its sting.  
I lift my song of praise unto the King  
God the Ancient of Days, to You I sing.**

**Verse 3:**

**Hear the mighty thunder as it rolls.  
See majestic mountains capped with snow.  
Proclaiming all of life is sacred  
and formed by God's own hand.  
Creating nature's song of life that rests  
the weary souls of men.**

**Chorus:**

**As we lift up our hands unto our King  
Darkness is torn away...losing its sting.  
We lift our song of praise unto the King  
God the Ancient of Days, to You we sing.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**For more information about Sandbek Ministries write to  
P.O. Box 581 Fallston, MD 21047  
Or contact us through our website [www.gracenotesradio.com](http://www.gracenotesradio.com).**

**To receive a copy of this program, send \$7.00 and ask for program 108.**

**Join us again. Barbara will be continuing her series on "Intimacy with God".**

—