

When I watch certain people perform acts of great love, self-sacrifice, or other things that we just refer to as “heart”, I feel a great emotional surge. It is like the intense sound of a bell, close by, as it excites sort of a resonance inside me when it is rung by the great depth and power of Goodness. This is manifested with an intense emotional feeling and “choking up” in my throat. It is like a jolt of the Spirit as it “penetrates” into our soul¹.

I have come to consider this as the result of connecting, however briefly, with the Spirit of God. This is what God has wanted from us since the beginning, and we accomplish it in fits and starts as we live our daily lives. It should be especially strong in our worship of Him, as we link to something infinitely larger and more powerful than ourselves.

When we partake in the communion of Christ, all of the active participants are tied together, at least for a brief time, like a high-level spider-web in the spiritual world. Here, the slightest touch at one end of the structure sends a message all across all points. It happens as well in our general worship. I image that God visualizes this in some way, somewhat like the tongues of fire that even the disciples saw on the Day of Pentecost when the Spirit energized each of them. They saw in that instance what God sees all of the time as the Spirit moves in us; like sparks of Good² against the black darkness of our fallen world. It is like the radiance that was seen on the face of Moses after he had been in the presence of the Lord³, but we don’t get to see that as God does.

Imagine that we as believers, in our collective worship, are holding our spiritual hands together in the glorification of God and our communion with Him. We often feel the same fiery sparks in our personal relationships. We need to work for intense communication with our spiritual family. This web should be sensitive to the needs of others, who feel the vibrations of people’s needs that disturb any part of it.

We are thus involved in a fuller communication with God’s people as well. This will be expanded to a much higher level in the life and Kingdom to come – a sort of super-communion.

We partake in a weekly communion of worship with Christ on this earth, but we look forward to the ultimate, cosmic connection that we will have in heaven.

1. Or “pierce” our soul; see “Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” Luke 2:35-36.
2. See my story “Sparks of Good.”
3. Ex 34:29-34