

WORSHIP- PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,
and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High:
to show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning,
and Thy faithfulness every night”*

(Ps. 92:1,2).

“Worship”

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- ...from worth-ship; to place “value or worth” on something.
- ...the rites or services through which people show their adoration, devotion, and respect for a deity.
- ...to take part in a religious service.
- ...to love, admire, or respect somebody or something greatly and perhaps excessively or unquestioningly

“Worship”

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We will discuss:

- --the value and worth we place on our great Creator and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We might also include what leads us to place value on others like our family members, our brethren, the Hope of the promises, etc.
 - ▣ (How is this different than the worth-ship we have of our Heavenly Father, and why should it be.)

Core value of study = Worship

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Main Objectives:

- 1.) Praise to Yahweh...! –Psalms, Hymns, etc.
- 2.) Service—
- 3.) Respect--
- 4.) Honor the Holy name of Yahweh --
- 5.) Sacrifice –
- 6.) Our way of life –
- 7.) Solemn and heart felt prayer in communing with our Heavenly Father!

An Individuals Worship

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- Why would we want to engage in these acts of worship?

Does Yahweh require this of Mankind?

- What is our motivation for worship?
 - ▣ Gratitude
 - ▣ Love
 - ▣ Fear, Terror
 - ▣ Fear, reverence and awe
- Does this effect what kind of people we are?

“Spirit” and “Truth”

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- Those who come to the Father must, says Jesus, “worship Him in spirit and in truth” (Jon. 4:24)
- --of a surety, **salvation is of the Jews** --
- The Jews were cut off through lack of faith, so Gentiles have been invited into Divine association on **the basis of their faith.**
- Spirit and truth described by Christ are expressions of **Sincerity** and **Principle**, **Earnestness** and **Conviction** in “true” worship, --that is what He meant by “Spirit and Truth”!

Worship is About :

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- Worship is about service
- Worship is about respect for the One we worship
- Worship is about honoring the God of heaven
- Worship often involved sacrifice
- Worship is about our way of life

“Daily service of the tabernacle”

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- perpetual services--things always in the life--things always before the mind.
- all as acceptable worship, thanksgiving and supplication: the offered lamb, the crucified Jesus recognized as the basis of approach.
- As for a holy priesthood, we are such in Christ. Ye are now a holy priesthood, as Peter declares (1 Pet. 2 : 5), "to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ “.

“Holy Temple unto the LORD”

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- --The house is ultimately a temple...
- --This temple is a living temple, which will not be complete until Christ returns...
- --As fellow citizens of the household of God we are stones being prepared for the spiritual temple...
- --This temple is founded upon the one faith centered on the teaching of Christ and the apostles...
- “. . . built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit” (vv. 20,22)

Original Words to emphasize Worship, Praise and Thanksgiving:

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Original Old Testament	Translation
Barak	Bless, blessed, kneel down, be praised
Hadar	Honor, glory, majesty
Shabach	Praise
Shachah	Worship, bow down
New Testament	
Aineo/ ainesis	Praise
Doxa	Glory, honor, and praise
eucharisteo	Give thanks, thankfulness
Exomologeio	thank
Humneo	Sing a hymn, sing praises
Proskuneo	Worship

Murmurings and Grumbings:

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- The list of our potential complaints could be endless.
- Thankfulness as a state of mind should pervade all attitudes and actions.
- The Apostle Paul's warning to true believers is stark: "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer" (1 Cor. 10:10).
- "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harm-less, the sons of God, without rebuke" (Phil. 2:14,15).

Murmurings and Grumbings:

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- It hardly needs saying that murmuring and grumbling are the enemies of thankfulness!!
- Are we in effect doubting the wisdom and providence of the Father?
- “My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth . . . Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby” (Heb. 12:5, 6,11).

“What of my servant JOB?”

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- Here was an outstandingly faithful servant of God, who was tested, far beyond the experience of most believers.
- Job was able to respond by worshipping his Maker: “the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD” (Job 1:20,21).
- His faithfulness and endurance was in the end rewarded by the Almighty in the restoration of Job’s health and substance.

“The sacrifice of thanksgiving”

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- “And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD. If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil . . . and leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings” (Lev. 7:11-13);
- “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate . . . By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased” (Heb. 13:12-16).

“Our Reasonable Service”

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- ... In truth, we can give nothing material to God that is not already His, but worship- praise and thanksgiving are ours to give freely in response to His goodness to us!
- Our reasonable service(Worship) is to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Yahweh”
- Instead of presenting ourselves before the Mosaic altar with our sacrificial victim, we come before a “living Altar”, with a “living Sacrifice”.

Six things that make up the acceptable and perfect sacrifice in worship

- 1) Presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice,(ICor. 3v16-17).
- 2) Making the body holy (IICor. 7v1).
- 3) Making our self acceptable to Yahweh.
- 4) Giving ourselves in service .
- 5) Refusing to conform to this world.
- 6) Being transformed by developing our mind.

The Language of Praise

“O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens” (8:1) “I will praise Thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all Thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in Thee: I will sing praise to Thy name, O Thou most High” (9:1,2) “I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in Whom I will trust” (18:1,2) “Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day” (25:5)

The Language of Praise: cont.-

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (27:1) “Give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness” (29:1,2) “He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD” (33:5) “Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep” (36:5,6)

Final Thoughts:

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- “Man was created to give glory to The everlasting Father, not to live each day as if many more are due and payable to each person because of their preeminence over other elements of His creation”
- His great mercy has taken this form: -Christ crucified and given us as the form of our approach-- combining God's great exaltation and our great humility!
- "Fear thy God ". "He is worthy to be had in reverence of all them that come near him ". "He is a great God, and a great King above all gods. . . .