**CHURCH OF PRAYER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**DOCTRINAL STUDIES- FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING**

**LESSON 9: PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**CLASS NOTES**

**SUMMARY:**

When we praise and worship God, we shift our focus from ourselves and put our focus on God. We enter into a position of humility (lowliness) and we ascribe honor and praise to God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do. Praising and worshiping God is not a song but a lifestyle that is reflective of a heart that wholly belongs to God.

**PRAISE:** “One of humanity’s many responses to God’s revelation of Himself. ‘Praise’ comes from the Latin word meaning ‘value’ or ‘price.’ Thus, to give praise is to proclaim His merit or worth. The modes of praise include offering sacrifices **(Lev. 7:13)**, physical movement **(2 Samuel 6:14)**, silence and meditation **(Ps. 77:11-12)**, testimony **(Ps. 66:16)**, prayer **(Phil. 4:6)**, music and song **(Ps. 150:3-5)** and a holy life **(1 Pet. 1:3-9)**.”[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Worship:** “Christian worship is often defined as the ascription of worth or honor to the triune God. Worship is more fully understood as an interrelation between divine action and human response: worship is the human response to the self revelation of the triune God. This includes (1) divine initiation in which God reveals Himself, His purposes, and His will; (2) a spiritual and personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ on the part of the worshiper; and (3) a response by the worship of adoration, humility, submission, and obedience to God.”[[2]](#footnote-2)

Here are some interesting facts you may not have known about praise and worship.

* Praise grants us access into the courts of God. (Psalm 100:4)
* We are to praise God for salvation and judgment. (Psalm 149:1-9)
* We are to sing to the Lord a new song. (Psalm 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; Isaiah 42:10; Revelations 5:9; and Revelations 14:3)
* God inhabits the praises of his people. (Psalm 22:3)
* Praise is a sacrifice. (Hebrews 13:15)
* God is on His throne while the angelic hosts offer Him praise. (Isaiah 6:1-4)
* A joyful shout or shout of praise brings victory, (Joshua 6:2-20)
* The Lord set aside the tribe of Levi to minister to Him and to bless His name. (Deuteronomy 10:8)

**MEMORY VERSE: Psalms 100: verses 1-2 and verse 4**

“1Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! 2Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. 4Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.”

**SCRIPTURES:**

Read **Leviticus 10:1-7:** Nadab and Abihu, priests of the Lord, offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them and it cost them their lives. Their presumptuous act clearly demonstrates that God’s holiness must be reverenced.

Read **Psalm 150:6:** God intended to be praised by everything that has breath.

Read **Matthew 4:8-11:** The devil tempted Jesus to bow down and worship him, but Jesus’ answer back then should still be our answer today…there is only one God, and to Him we should ascribe all praise, honor, and glory.

Read **Matthew 15:8-9:** If we only worship God with our lips and not our hearts, we worship God in vain.

Read **John 4:20-24:** Worshiping God is not merely an outward expression of physical gestures such as dancing, lifting our hands or bowing our knees; honoring and reverencing God (His character) engages our entire being- spirit, body, soul, and heart. True worshipers know God and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Read **Romans 1:18-25:** Sincethe beginning of creation, God’s visible attributes are clearly seen. Not even the ungodliness or unrighteousness of men can offer any excuse as to why he does not worship (glorify) God.

**LIFE APPLICATION:**

It is Sunday morning and you are already off to a bad start; nothing seems to be going right. Trying to figure out what to wear, locate your shoes, and get something to eat before you leave the house all trigger agitation that easily translates into, “I don’t want to be bothered!” Even the drive in to church creates unwanted anxieties. You park the car, grab your Bible and notebook and get out of the car. Then you lock and close the door before realizing that your keys are on the passenger seat.

Is it still possible for you to enter into genuine praise and worship? If so, how? If not, why not?

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**HOMEWORK**

**Monday:**

* Study your memory verse **Psalm 100: verses 1-2 and verse 4**.
* Using an online dictionary, define the following Hebrew words used for Praise and Worship:
  + **Yadah**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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**Tuesday:**

* Study your memory verse **Psalm 100: verses 1-2 and verse 4**.
* Read **Psalm 145** and answer the following:
  + What words or phrases are mentioned in this passage of Scripture that express terms of Praise and Worship?

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* + What is mentioned in **Psalm 145** that refers to who God is?

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* + What is mentioned in **Psalm 145** that refers to what God has done or will do?

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**Wednesday:**

* Study your memory verse **Psalm 100: verses 1-2 and verse 4**.
* Read **Psalm 95** and answer the following:
  + List all the actions mentioned in **Psalm 95** that we are to do obediently as an act of worship. For example*, let us sing to the Lord (v1)*

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**Thursday:**

* Study your memory verse **Psalm 100: verses 1-2 and verse 4**.
* Write your own personal psalm to the Lord based on who He is, what He has done for you, and what you believe He will do in your life according to His promises.

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**Friday:**

* Study your memory verse **Psalm 100: verses 1-2 and verse 4**.
* Answer the following two questions pertaining to your memory verse.
  + How can you use the memory verse Scripture in your daily walk?

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* + How can you use the memory verse Scripture to teach others God’s word?

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**Saturday:**

* Write your memory verse **Psalm 100: verses 1-2 and verse 4** by memory.

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* Study your notes in preparation for your test tomorrow.

1. “Praise.” Holloman Illustrated Bible Dictionary. Tennessee, 2003. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. “Worship.” IBID. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)