

Worship Comes From Within

Sunday Morning, January 12, 2014

Thesis:

Worship Comes From Within One's Soul and Produces Joy

Introduction:

There is horizontal worship, & very little vertical worship today.

Proskuneo =

To Bow Down

To Stoop Down

To Fall Down

To Adore

To Show Absolute Reverence, Homage or Submission

To Kiss

To Prostrate Oneself or To Touch One's Nose to the Ground

I. Encounter God and Worship Him!

(II Chronicles 6: 40 - 7:3)

40 "Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

41 "Now arise, O LORD God, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. May your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, may your saints rejoice in your goodness.

42 O LORD God, do not reject your anointed one. Remember the great love promised to David your servant."

1 When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

2 The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it.

3 When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."

(Revelation 5: 1 – 14)

1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.

(The rest this passage is on the next page)

2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had 7 horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

7 He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

12 In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Bow Your Souls Before God

Be Consumed - As to "Catch Fire" With God's Love and Presence

II. Worship Comes From Within One's Soul

Again, God Does Not Want Horizontal Worship

God's Desire For Worship Is Found in:

(John 4: 23 – 24)

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

(Psalm 63: 1 – 5)

1 O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

5 My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

George Barna, the famous author and statistician, says:

"Virtually every church in the nation provides opportunities for worship, yet, we rarely worship God. Most Christians admit they seldom feel like they have connected with Him."

(Psalm 95: 6 – 7)

6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if you hear his voice,

(Psalm 99:5)

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His footstool; He is holy.

III. True Worship Brings Joy, Peace and Change **(Psalm 16:11)**

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

(John 15: 9 – 11)

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

(Jude 24 – 25)

24 To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy--

25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

(Acts 2 : 25 – 28)

25 David said about him: " 'I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope,

27 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

(Nehemiah 8: 10)

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Conclusion:

Do You Want To Sense God's Presence?

Do You Want To Feel His Love and Experience His Joy?

Do You Want To Please God?

Do You Want To See Change and Growth in Your Life?

Do You Want To Impact Your Family, Your Community,
and Your World For Christ?

Then Worship Him!

Invitation

Lord's Supper Service:

(Matthew 26:26 – 29)

Bread:

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Cup:

27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

29 I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."