

Session 1: Introduction to Worship



WORSHIP SONG:

VERSE 1:

I will worship
With all of my heart
I will praise You
With all of my strength
I will seek You
All of my days
I will follow
All of Your ways

CHORUS:

I will give you all my worship
I will give you all my praise
For you alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my
praise

VERSE 2:

I will bow down
And hail You as King
I will serve You
I'll give You everything
I will lift up
My eyes to Your throne
I will trust You
I'll trust You alone

INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

1. Worship is a natural instinct
2. Worship is more than an act of reverence. It is an attitude of the heart.
3. we were created by a higher being for the very purpose of worship.

Revelation 4:11

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Isaiah 43:21

The people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

ORIGIN OF THE WORD “WORSHIP”

1. The word worship comes from the Old English word **“worth-ship”** which means:
 - *“to give worth to”*
 - *“to hold something in high esteem.”*
2. The **Hebrew word** for worship is **“shachah”**, which means to depress, to fall down, or to lay prostrate before a deity. Hold something up with such reverence, honor, and esteem
3. The **Greek word** for Worship is **“proskuneó”**, which means kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication.

Psalm 95:6 - Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

WORSHIP IS...

1. Worship is an extreme form of love
2. Worship is something that comes from the spirit
3. Worship is an attitude or state of the heart
4. Man's highest Glory is to worship, because man was created for fellowship with the Lord. So worship is the greatest expression of that fellowship.
5. Worship is our highest Destiny.

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN

Kingly Calling : Dominion

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Priestly Calling : Serve

Genesis 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

WORKING & KEEPING

are two words that are often used to describe the work of the Levites and priests in the tabernacle and temple. To work can also mean to minister and most of the time it means to serve.

Prophetic Calling

The reason God put Adam in the Garden,

Genesis 2:19-20 Whatever the man called each living creature that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals

Worship

began

in the

Garden

of

Eden

WORSHIP IN THE GARDEN

MODEL OF TRUE WORSHIP FROM THE BEGINNING

Their worship looked much different than we may expect to see worship today...

1. The Garden became **THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD**

- ✓ *God would come down and meet with his people in the Garden.*

2. The Garden became **A SANCTUARY**

- ✓ *Everything Adam and Eve did in creation had to do with God.*
- ✓ *They belonged to Him, served Him, and served all of creation as His representatives*

3. Adam & Eve had **DIRECT COMMUNION WITH GOD**

- *There was complete unity within their relationship. There was no shame, no distance, no rebellion, and no wrath. There was perfect love and unity until they disobeyed God.*



EFFECTS OF SIN ON WORSHIP

Because of the **disobedience** of Adam and Eve, **“the fall” occurred**, resulting in **sin and death** entering the world because Adam and Eve chose to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. After this, we see that **perfect unity and natural worship were destroyed**.

1. They **distanced** from themselves from God.
2. **Sin had tainted their hearts, minds**, earth, bodies, relationships, and entire lives.
3. They gained knowledge of good and evil.
4. Now, there was efforts involved in worshiping God, when before, worship was joyful and innate.
5. The earth became exceedingly evil because the sinful nature within man was running rampant.
6. Mankind did not practice self-control over sin

Romans 7:15-20 - “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do...”

GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN

1. In order to bring worship back into the world, and the goodness that comes from following God, God had to bring His Kingdom and rule through different individuals. God chose to work through people who had faith and who would follow Him.
2. God established His covenant with specific individuals.
3. Out of Abraham's lineage, God called out the nation of Israel and made them His very own.

BEGINNING OF A CHOSEN NATION

Exodus 7:16 *“Then say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness.*”

Exodus 19:5-6 *Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”*

Exodus 20:2-3 *“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me”*

THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

1. Worship for the Israelites and worship today for Christians require that we worship only one God. This is still the basis of our worship today.
2. Additionally, we notice that worshipping God alone involves obedience
3. He wanted them to love Him and love one another as they love themselves.

Deuteronomy 6:5 *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."*

Leviticus 19:18 *"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself; I am the Lord."*

GOD'S DWELLING AMONG THE PEOPLE

- The Lord decided to be near to His people. He wanted to dwell in the midst of them as He dwelled in the garden with Adam and Eve. However, since there was sin, there had to be justice.

Exodus 25:8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

- God could not let Himself dwell among the people if they were not cleansing themselves because His holiness and justice would consume them.
 - Worship involved walking in holiness, keeping of commands, loving one another, practicing mercy and grace. Furthermore, worship included sacrifice & offerings.
 - God's **justice** & **mercy** can be seen at work throughout the Old Testament
 - In every generation, there was a remnant that chose to follow God and looked forward for the promised Messiah.

HOW JESUS IMPACTED WORSHIP?

What was Jesus really here to do?

Matthew 5:17 *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."*

The law and all that was established in the Old Testament were to make way for Jesus

Genesis 3:15 *"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."*

FATHER SEEKS FOR TRUE WORSHIPERS WHO WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

John 4:23-24 *Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."*

THE ULTIMATE RESTORATION

1 Peter 2:9

“chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

It is the reason that we exist, to adore Him who created us

WE ARE CALLED TO BE KINGS AND PRIESTS

RESTORATION OF DAVID’S TABERNACLE

“After these things I will return, and I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, and I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name.” Acts 15:16-17 (NASB)



NEXT WEEK:

Worship in Spirit & Truth

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