

## Worship and Praise

### ***Psalms 100:1-5 (NIV)***

*<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

*<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

*<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

**We've spent two weeks discussing worship. How would you define worship now?**

**Why do you think praise is so important to God?**

**Is worship for God's benefit or for ours?**

### ***Acts 17:24-25 (NIV)***

*<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.*

**Why is it so essential for us to worship God?**

1) Worship implies \_\_\_\_\_

2) Worship defines \_\_\_\_\_

***Psalms 100:3 (NIV)***

*Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

**What is the ultimate expression of worship in the New Testament?**

***Romans 10:9 (NIV)***

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that  
God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

***Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)***

*<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is  
above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven  
and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is  
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**In what ways did Jesus change the nature of the relationship we can have with God?**

***Romans 8:15-16 (NIV)***

*<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you  
received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit  
himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

**How did this contrast with the Old Testament?**

***Exodus 24:1 (NIV)***

*Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu,  
and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance,*



Can you think of some times when Jesus revealed this new relationship approach with God?

**Matthew 6:9 (NIV)**

*"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*

**Matthew 19:14 (NIV)**

*Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"*

How does our perception of God tend to change how we worship?

What is wrong with our perspectives at these times?

**Psalms 33:1-3 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. <sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**Psalms 47:6-7 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

**1 Chronicles 25:6-7 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> All these men were under the supervision of their fathers for the music of the temple of the Lord, with cymbals, lyres and harps, for the ministry at the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the supervision of the king. <sup>7</sup> Along with their relatives--all of them trained and skilled in music for the Lord--they numbered 288.

Why do you think music plays such an important part of worship to God?

Why do you think we see men get more emotional at a football game than we do in a worship service?

Circle the various forms of worship in the following passages.

***Psalms 95:6 (NIV)***

*Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;*

***Psalms 134:2 (NIV)***

*Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.*

***Psalms 47:1 (NIV)***

*Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.*

***Psalms 149:3 (NIV)***

*Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.*

***Revelation 4:10 (NIV)***

*the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever.*

Why do you think we are sometimes hesitant to worship in some of these ways?

What are some ways we could begin to have greater integrity in our worship with regard to “how” we worship?

***Psalms 96:1-3 (NIV)***

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

***Psalms 18:49 (NIV)***

*Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O Lord; I will sing praises to your name.*

Why do you think there is such a strong connection between worship and declaring God to the nations in scripture?

**Discuss the following quote:**

*"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't."*  
*John Piper*

**How does worship and missions relate to our understanding that we were created for Relationship and Representation?**

**What does a lack of mission in one's life indicate about the nature of their worship?**

**What does a lack of worship reveal about one's mission focus?**

**How can we take steps to go deeper in both our worship and mission focus?**