

Prayer Study # 91
WORSHIP AND PRAISE-PART 1

And the four living creatures had each of them six wings about him, and they were full of eyes within; and they rest not day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come." And when those living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him that is seated on the throne, who liveth forever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before Him that is seated on the throne and worship Him that liveth forever and ever and cast their crowns before the throne saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

Revelation 4:8-11

*When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words
be without heart-Lamar Boschman*

*Worship is not about the style of music, but about the heart. Music is only a
tool to better help us worship the Lord. Stephen Newman*

Different Responses to Worship

Matthew 2:11: *And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshiped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 8:1-2: *When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him, and, behold there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."*

Matthew 9:18: *While He spoke these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter is even now dead; but come and lay Thy hand upon her, and she shall live."*

Matthew 14:25-33: *And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea, and when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost," and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spoke unto them, saying, "Be of good cheer; it is I, be not afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And He said, "Come." And when Peter was come down out of the boat, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when*

he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, "Lord, save me." And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught him and said unto him, "O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?" And when they were come into the boat, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Of a truth, thou art the Son of God."

Matthew 28:6-9: He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee. There shall ye see Him; lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy and did run to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold Jesus met them, saying, "All hail." And they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

What is necessary for Worship?

1. The Spirit of God: *For we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.* Philippians 3:3
2. Gladness: *Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.* Psalm 100:2
3. Clean hands and a pure heart: *Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He who hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them who seek Him, who seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.*

Key Worship Scriptures

Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshiper of God and doeth His will, him He heareth. John 9:31

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. Isaiah 29:13

Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth. Psalm 96:9

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. Psalm 86:9

Main Biblical Words for Worship:

Shachad(Hebrew): to depress, i.e. prostrate(especially reflexive in homage to royalty or God); bow (self) down, crouch, fall down(flat), humbly beseech, do obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.

Proskuneo(Greek)-*pros-koo-neh'-o*: to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand, to crouch to, prostrate oneself in homage(do reverence to, adore), worship.

Resources: *Experiencing Worship: A Study of Biblical Worship* by Stephen M. Newman

(Next week, the Lord willing, we will be looking at Praise.)

Main Biblical Words for Praise:

yadah(Hebrew): to hold out the hand; to revere or worship with extended hands

halal(Hebrew): to make a show, to be clamorously foolish, shine

barak(Hebrew): to kneel down and bless

zamar(Hebrew): to touch the strings or parts of a stringed instrument; to make music

shabach(Hebrew): to address or adore in a loud tone

towdah(Hebrew): an extension of the hand, a choir of worshipers

humnos(Greek): to sing a hymn

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Blanche Reynolds

Praise extols God for what He has done.

Worship extols God for Who He is.

Praise lifts us to the Heavenly Places.

Worship lifts God to His rightful place-The Throne.

Praise says, "Praise the Lord!"

Worship says, "He is Lord!"

Praise claims heirship to the throne rights.

Worship lays crowns at His feet.

Praise enjoys God.

Worship esteems Him.

Praise acclaim Him.

Worship beholds Him.

Praise lifts.

Worship bows.

Praise lauds.

Worship loves.

Praise celebrates.

Worship humbly reveres.

Praise addresses God.

Worship waits on God.

Praise dances.

Worship removes shoes for Holy Ground.

