

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

October 23, 2022

The Mission of the Church Lesson 5 - Worship (Part 2)

This morning we continue looking at the concept of **Worship** in scripture as part of our continuing series on the Mission of the Church. Last week we examined three questions related to worship (1) Who do we worship? (2) What is worship? (3) Why do we worship? Today we ask another question, **How Do We Worship?**

1: _____

Under the new covenant, we are individually priests with direct access to the presence of God (**1 Peter 2:4-5, 9; Revelation 1:4-6**). This was made possible by the sacrifice Jesus made which resulted in the curtain of the temple being torn from top to bottom (**Matthew 27:50-51**). As priests we no longer have to go through an earthly intermediary for worship as was required under the old covenant (**Hebrews 10:19-25**).

This does not mean that we never worship the Lord together with our fellow church members. Obviously, we come together for worship just like the first century church did (**Acts 20:7**). However, even in a corporate setting our worship must be offered personally. No one else can worship for us. Worship is an individual privilege and responsibility.

2: In _____ and in _____

In the conversation between Jesus and the woman of Samaria in **John 4**, she asks Jesus a question about where one should properly worship God. Jesus responds that "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (**John 4:24**). What does Jesus mean by "Spirit" and "Truth"?

"Spirit" emphasizes that God is not restricted to a temple, building, sanctuary, auditorium, mountain, etc. The location of worship does not matter. The only thing that matters is that God Himself is the object of our worship. To worship in "Spirit" means that wherever we are, we approach God with sincerity of heart and not just mechanics (i.e., going through the motions).

"Truth" means that we worship God as His Word directs. No one becomes a follower of Christ accidentally. We must learn what it means to follow Him

I SOUGHT THE
LORD
=&=
HE ANSWERED ME
=&=
DELIVERED ME FROM
ALL MY FEARS

PSALM 34:4

*"Therefore glorify the Lord
in the dawning light, the
name of the Lord God of
Israel in the coastlands of
the sea."*

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upcoming sermon and
bible class topics

*God, You are
My only strength in life
In Your name I find
Solace and peace
Whenever I call on Your name
All my worries just cease
God You are
My only force in life
Please keep Your hand on me
And thanks for
Everything to thee
God You are
My only strength in life
Without Your name I won't
survive*

through His Word. The same is true of worship. We must learn how God wants to be worshiped by studying His Word.

3: With _____

Scripture clearly teaches that a prerequisite for the true worship of God is understanding our position before Him (**2 Chronicles 7:11-15; Psalm 51:15-17; Luke 18:9-14**). We are broken, sinful people attempting to worship the almighty creator of the universe and author of salvation (**Ecclesiastes 5:1-2**). We must enter worship without ego and devoid of selfish pride. This is not man’s natural disposition but is required for approaching God.

4: With _____ and _____

Along understanding our position before God, we must approach Him in worship with the proper attitude. The Hebrews writer says that in view of us *“receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken...let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...”* (**Hebrews 12:28**). Reverence is an attitude of showing supreme respect for God Himself and the undertaking of approaching Him in worship (**Ecclesiastes 5:1-2**). Awe is an overwhelming feeling of admiration in view of His great power, majesty, and the gift He has given us through His son (**Matthew 27:54**).

5: With _____ and _____

“Reverence and awe” do not have to mean somber and solemn. As a matter of fact, scripture instructs that our worship to God should instead be filled with joy and thanksgiving (**Psalm 95:1-5; 100:1-2; Colossians 3:12-17**). As we discussed last week, one of our primary motivations for worship should be thankfulness for the undeserved gift we have received through His son. This gift, and the salvation it brings, should elicit a feeling of joy within our hearts. Both of these feelings should be evident in our worship.

PRAYER LIST

- **Mike Smith** is recovering from heart surgery
- Elizabeth’s grandmother **Carol Saling** has cancer
- **Bill Gillock** is doing better at home
- We rejoice with **Kristine Garrett** as her cancer continues to improve
- **Maria Hunter Harrington**, a friend of the Billingsleys, has breast cancer
- **Forshia Pennington, Carolyn Pennington** and **Judy Grissom**, relatives of the Reeds, have breast cancer. **Vicki Reed** has been diagnosed with Myeloma as well
- **Donna Rawls Head** has cancer
- Continue to pray for: those in **Ukraine**; the **Brown** family, **Kim Waller, Delores Coleman**, the **Krantz** family, **John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Gaynell Walker, Rosemary Douglas, Isabel Johnson**, and **Jim Sims**

SERVING TODAY (October 23, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: J. Walker
Prayer: E. Walker

WORSHIP

Read: C. Baker
Wait On Table: D. Billingsley
Serve: E. Walker, D. Demonbreun
Prayer: L. Gregory