

Learning To Worship With All Your Heart

A Study In The Biblical Foundations Of Christian Worship

Lesson IV: Right Attitudes in Worship - *Remembering The One We Worship*

WORSHIPING AWESOME GOD

What is at the heart of the prophetic challenge - "*the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him.*" (Hab 2:20);

"Be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10).

Isaiah 6 describes what happens when the door to heaven opens a crack and gives the prophet a vision of the holy throne.

Revelation 1 describes the reaction of the apostle John when he sees the Ascended Lord. How would we respond, what would we do, if the angel of the Lord, showed up in heavenly glory in this place?

We don't EVER want to walk into worship as though God is lucky we came!

A picture of awe-filled (i.e. reverent) worship - Revelation 5:11-14.

Some biblical acts of worship that respond to God's awesome glory are:

The great paradox:

God's Transcendence <<----->> God's Imminence

How do we experience each in worship?

NAMES OF GOD

Describe the power of a name. Consider what happens when we "*drag someone's name through the mud.*"

We use God's name in worship in singing, praying, preaching, testimony, blessings, thanksgiving, benediction, Communion.

GOD THE FATHER

EI. The basic name for God in ancient Semitic languages

Elohim Points to God as infinite and beyond us. (Gen. 1:26) God is absolute, infinite Lord over creation and history, many times over.

EI-Shaddai "The Almighty God." God's power in creating and sustaining life. (Ex 19) God used it to make His Covenant with Abraham (Gen. 17:1-2).

EI-Elyon "The Most High God" or "The Exalted One" (Num. 24:16; 2 Sam. 22:14; Ps. 18:13).

It refers to his superior position above all other cosmic forces.

EI-Olam "God of Eternity" or "God the Everlasting One" (Gen. 21:33; Isa. 26:4; Ps. 90:2).

God's power is immense and beyond the scope of time and space

EI-Berith "God of the Covenant" (Judg. 9:46) God alone makes and keeps covenant. We are drawn to security in Him; consider His faithfulness.

EI-Roeh "God of Vision" (Gen. 16:13). God sees needs of His people and cares enough to respond

Jahweh (JHWH) - I AM

1. He is self-existent: depending on no-one and nothing outside himself
2. He is eternal and unchangeable - the same, yesterday, to-day, forever
3. He is incomprehensible
4. He is faithful and true to all his promises

Jahweh-Jireh "The Lord will Provide" (Gen. 22:14). Remembering when God provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice in the place of Isaac. It is a testimony to God's deliverance.

Jahweh-Nissi "The Lord is my Banner" (Ex. 17:15). The Lord's name was the battle cry in which the challenges of life can be met.

Jahweh-Mekaddesh "The Lord Sanctifies" (Ex. 31:13). Holiness is the central revelation of God's character. God calls for a people who are set apart.

Jahweh-Shalom "The Lord is Peace" (Judg. 6:24). God brings well-being not death to His

Jahweh-Sabaoth "The Lord of Hosts" or "The Lord Almighty" (1 Sam. 1:3; Jer. 11:20).
Represents God's power over the nations; God is King and ruler of Israel and the earth

Jahweh-Raah "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Ps. 23:1). God is the One who provides loving care for His people.

Jahweh-Tsidkenu "The Lord is Our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5-6; 33:16). He would establish a new kingdom of justice.

Adonai This is a title of authority and honor. It can be translated "Lord."

Ancient of Days (Dan. 7:9,13,22) God lives forever and His kingdom is everlasting.

Rock (Deut. 32:18; Ps. 19:14; Isa. 26:4) God is strong and permanent.

Refuge (Ps. 9:9; Jer. 17:17) God is a haven from the enemy.

Fortress (Ps. 18:2; Nah. 1:7) God is a defense against the foe.

Shield (Gen. 15:1; Ps. 84:11) God is protection.

Sun (Ps. 84:11) God is the source of light and life.

GOD THE SON

Son of God (Mt 17:5; Mk 1:11; Rom 1:4)

Son of Man (Mt 8:20; 9:6; Mk 13:26-27)

Savior (Lk 2:11; Acts 5:31; 13:23; Phil 3:20)

Servant (Mt 12:18; Acts 3:26; 4:27-30)

Word (John 1:1-2; Heb 1:1-13; Rev 19:13)

Immanuel (Is 7:14; Mt 28:20)

High Priest (Heb 4:14; 10:21)

GOD THE SPIRIT

The Spirit of God (Genesis 1:2; Ephesians 4:30).

The Spirit of the Lord (Luke 4:18).

The Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9).

The Spirit of holiness (Romans 1:4).

The Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17; Proverbs 8).

The Spirit of truth (John 14:17; 15:26).

The Counsellor (John 14:16).

The Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5, 8; 2:1-4).

Consider the following examples of divine names:

God Almighty

God Most High

Eternal God

Living God

Holy One

Rock

Saviour

Immanuel

High Priest

- What connotations of these words that come to your mind
- Think of a song where these names are used
- How can/do we use these names in worship?