

Who is Going...? **Part 3: "The Way We Worship!"**

The last time we talked about worship we talked about "lifestyle worship..."

Lifestyle Worship... Would people know, by the way we "bow," that we are... "A chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people that should show forth the praises of Him..." **1Pet 2.9**

Select group! Best/best/best? Kings! Royal/resourced/powerful? Priests! Familiar/familial/spiritual? Set-apart ones! Holy/different? Purchased and prized! Dignified?

That we are heart-surrendered! He is God, Father, and Savior worthy of all I have to offer **1Tim2.3 4.10 Tit 1.3 2.10** That we are not those whose lips pay Him homage but whose hearts are far from Him! **Mt 15.8 Mk 7.6** One thing have I desired... that I seek after... that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life! **Psalm 27.4**

That we are mind-fully engaged! "The world doesn't know what to worship... but the time comes when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth!" **J4.21,22** The carnal mind is the enemy of God... **Romans 8.7** Therefore I will be transformed by the renewing of my mind... **12.2** My delight is in the Lord and in His word I meditate day and night! **Ps1.2**

We are affectionately-energized! The Lord is the One and I will love Him with all my heart, soul and might! **Deut 6.5** I will *sing* praise unto the Lord **Ps 9.2**, because He has dealt bountifully with me **13.6** I will *praise* Him with the instruments... **144.9** *Be glad and rejoice and shout for joy...* **Ps32.11** *David danced before the Lord with all his might...* **2Sam 6.14**

The way we worship (bow) shows our *intimacy* with God – that we have seen Him, that we know Him...

Today we're talking about the musical/ style side of worship and praise because it shows our *gratitude!*
Not trying to stylize you but to challenge your style, depth and degree of worship!

Ezekiel 28.11ff *"Beyond what you have said to the Prince of Tyrus speak this to the King of Tyrus, 'This is what the Lord says, You were a finished product, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the Garden of God, and adorned in every precious stone. The music, with your instruments, was in you from the day you were created! You were the anointed cherub with the oversight; and I set you so. When I appointed you in the holy mount of God you walked freely amid stones of fire. From the day you were created you were perfect in your ways until sin was found in you. When you started profiting from your gift you sinned, therefore I cast you out as profane and I will destroy you... your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor, I cast you down to the earth..."*

Isaiah 14.12ff "How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you have been cast down to the ground... for you said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will sit on the mount of the congregation, I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High..."

So who will be Your worship leader now, God?

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul... Gen 2.7

So what do YOU do with that? How are YOU going to respond to this revelation of YOUR created design?

So how will you worship and praise today, tomorrow, next week, knowing that you are God's chosen worship leader?

Will YOU... Sing like no one else is around but God to hear you? Dance for Him, with Him, like there's no one who can see you? Clap like you are welcoming and saluting Him? Yell like you want to be heard above everyone else? "Demonstrate" so anyone can follow?

Do YOU know... God is wanting to hear your voice above all others? God is listening to the words you are singing/saying? God is feeling the connection of your heart/soul/body in the songs you are employing? Stoic-indifferent-tolerated praise/ worship is a complete oxy-moron?

So, how will you worship and praise today, tomorrow, next week, knowing that you are Lucifer's replacement?

Lucifer... Was the anointed "cherub" created for worship/praise... His ministry was "perfect" before the Lord... until he began dipping into the glory belonging to God! He was the original sinner... Who caused his replacement, Adam, to be distracted from "bowing" by sin... And he wants to do the same to us! **So what are we going to do with that?**

How will you protect yourself as a member of God's music ministry team?

Personal testimony... Haven't always been so expressive in praise and worship... Didn't understand its priority! Didn't understand its testimony! Didn't understand its integrity! Protect myself for it... From being cut off by "I will's!" From being diminished by distraction/weakness! From competing music/worship!

How about you?

"You can argue legalities all day long but it's not about you, it's about others. 'He was rich but became poor so that you could be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).' May it be the same with us. That we would be willing to pass on our freedom, and become as though we were slaves so that others may become free."
– Randy Henson

Will you worship more fully? Clearing the stage/cutting off the distractions early? Employing all you have?

Will you worship more freely? All the world is our platform! We don't have to wait for church!

Will you worship with increased frequency? Coming before the Lord with worship and thanks more often?