

Worship in a War-torn World! Part 2: A Model and Motive!

Last week we opened a short series on Worship! Because *worshipping* God is how we're going to make it thru this war-torn world! *Yielding to God* and His ways will be the only way to navigate thru and save as many people as possible!

So far...Looked at what most people think about as worship: singing! Took a look at some of the mechanics! 7 OT, 4 NT foundational piers... Took a look at the structure @Life! 4 supports for our environment... Zeroed in on practicing His presence and our presence of mind in the lyrical proclamations... **"He is here, I am speaking melodiously to Him, with emotional integrity!"**

Looked at our three goals when we come together for corporate, musical worship... **Slipping out of the grip of our distractions as fast as possible! Practicing His presence in our midst! SET UP HIS THRONE!** See Him somewhere in the room with you! **Leaving nothing to take home!** "Brought all of myself and taking nothing back out with me!"

The wise men came to worship... and when they saw Him they fell down and worshipped and presented gifts... And wise men and women still do that...! Come determined to find and worship Him, to give Him the gifts of honest response! Today we're taking it up a notch to see a model and motive for worship!

John 4.22ff "There are *those who don't know* what they worship, *but we know* who we worship, for salvation is of us... The time comes, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth... for the Father seeks people like that to worship Him!"

We don't want to be ignorant... We want to side with Jesus... Our Father wants us to be: in touch, transforming, drawing nearer, fully centered, worshippers!

A Model...

First of the year we talked about the future... This year was different from any other... We always talk about financing the future with the tithe... Though there are legitimate causes for fundraising in the Bible... (B&B) And a wonderful thing happened! So far this year we've experienced about a 20% increase in "tithers!" Celebrated the number of things we have done and have been given to us!

So, about 26% of us are "tithing..." And with the increase in our reach... And the stability of our budget...

We have "seen" that everything we need is right here...

If we were all tithing, which is a "worship" issue..." (will we bow down to God and His ways?) Then we would have the new buildings and the parking lots, etc, w/o debt!

So, our budget and some extras are in the 26%... but our potential and future is in the 74%! We're not waiting for new millionaires, lottery winners, estate inheritors... We're waiting for worshippers to come together to worship God in spirit and in truth!

So, just like everything we have need of is here in our corporate worship... Bowing before God with our tithes... **So is everything already "here" for every need you have...** In your salvation... In your world of faith... If you are willing to worship, prepared to bow down before God to do things His way! ***Is it true?***

A Walk Thru... Prosperity, is found in your worship! You decide to bow before God to do money His way... Will have more than enough/self... Money for almsgiving... Money for "every good work..." Leave an inheritance... Be "delightful" people! ***We were created to be a delightful, prosperous people before the world!***

Malachi 3.7-14 "From the beginning you refused to do this My way... 'come back and I will meet you,' says the Lord. You ask, where did we go astray. My answer is, 'in the tithes and offerings... therefore you are cursed for you have robbed Me. Bring them into the storehouse so that My purposes are fulfilled and prove Me by it! See if I won't open the windows of heaven and pour blessings on you that you can't contain. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake. He will not corrupt the results of what you planted, nothing will interrupt your harvest, and all nations will call you blessed for you will be a "delightful; pleasurable, desired and valued land..." But you have continued to speak against Me saying it is vain: useless and empty to serve as You have commanded Your servants, for there is no desired gain in keeping His words and living chastened before the Lord."

The proud, wicked and tempters (v15) are wrong!

Healing, will be found in your worship! You decide to bow before God regarding your body/health... You begin living with a sense of your body being His temple... Of eating, exercising, caring for it like He's living in it too... (practicing) 90% of "typical" problems go! And for the age and random assaults, you will have the faith you need when sickness and disease tries to break thru!

Happy marriage, will be found in your worship! You decide to bow before God regarding marital relationship... See your mate as your completer... Set your heart/attentions on them... Chasten your competing lusts... Will have the love, honor, patience, servant-heartedness required to make for a good marriage!

Happy family, will be found in your worship! You decide to bow before God regarding raising children... *Beyond* the "good enough for me" ways that you were brought up... *In spite of* "the mistakes that were made with you..." Imperfect ways create imperfect kids! How can we expect to raise Godly kids with non-God methods? Will know *parent-pleasure* in old age!

Fulfilled mission, will be found in your worship! Everyone is looking for fulfillment in every place but at the feet of the Filler! You decide to bow before God regarding your mission in life... Will find yourself walking with multitudes of people toward heaven's gates – Broadly smiling... "I've done it! I'm done! I won!"

God has the proper prescription for success in every arena of life...The key to unlocking the flow of His good plans is worship! Everything we have ever needed or wanted is found in our worship!