



God's Answers to Good Questions

Lesson 12 - Why is Worship Important for the Believer?

PREPARE

- Please read the following passages:
Deuteronomy 6:13
Deuteronomy 12:28-32
Psalm 27:4-8
Psalm 29:1
Psalm 96:7-8
Psalm 99:3-5
Psalm 100:1-2
Psalm 103:1-2
Psalm 134:1-3
Luke 4:8
John 4:23-24
Hebrews 10:24-25
- Watch the video lesson and complete the Study Guide while watching

STUDY GUIDE

I. What is Worship?

A. Worship is a _____ between God and His _____

1. Psalm 27:4-8 – *“One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: In the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.”*
2. God _____ us to Himself, we are in His _____, and we are meeting Him _____

B. An expression by God's people of His _____ and of His _____

1. Psalm 29:1 - *"Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, Give unto the LORD glory and strength."*
2. Psalm 96:7-8 - *"Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, Give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: Bring an offering, and come into his courts."*

C. This term "worship" originally started out as "worth-ship," i.e. "You are _____"

1. It is _____ and _____ to God the "worth-ship," the _____, the _____, the _____ that is due to Him because it belongs to Him
2. When we express to God His glory and ascribe to him the strength, the honor, the beauty, the majesty that is due Him, we are simply recognizing Him for _____ and _____ He is

D. Different types of worship:

1. _____ worship - where an individual _____ in privacy goes to God, calls upon Him, worships and honors and glorifies Him
2. _____ worship - a time and place where we can gather together with just our _____ family, or maybe a few _____, and have a time of sincere true worship in the _____
3. _____ worship - takes place on the Lord's Day when the _____ of the church call together the _____ for a time of singing and _____ the Lord, where _____ are offered up, and where God's Word is _____ and _____

II. What Happens in Worship?

A. The pouring out of _____

1. Psalm 134:1-3 – *“Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, Which by night stand in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD. The LORD that made heaven and earth Bless thee out of Zion.”*
2. There's a sense in which God's people, God's servants, _____ God, i.e. we _____ blessing to him ... but then He also blesses us
3. Our worship is ascribing again that glory and honor that is due Him, and He is pouring out His _____ upon His people as they worship

B. The reading/hearing/preaching of God's Word

1. The Word of God should take _____ because through the Word God's _____ is made known to His people and He _____ Himself to His people
2. God _____ to His people through His Word

C. Prayer - sustained corporate _____ in the worship service where the congregation goes _____ to the throne of grace and places their _____ and _____ before God

D. Singing of praises

E. Confession of _____ and assurances of _____

F. Sacraments

G. Blessings in Benediction

III. What is God's Opinion of Corporate Worship?

- A. John 4:23-24 – *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

1. God is looking for _____ worshipers who will worship the Father in _____ and _____
2. God is looking for true worshipers who will come to the Father through the _____ and _____ of the Son
3. God is looking for true worshipers who will come in the _____ of the Holy Spirit to worship God in truth

B. God approves of worship because He so frequently _____ our worship

1. Luke 4:8 – *“And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”*
2. Deuteronomy 6:13 – *“Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.”*
3. God _____ it, Jesus _____ it ... God wants us to be worshipping
4. Old Testament worship was quite _____ in many ways
 - a. There were all kinds of _____ and _____ which would seem very odd and strange to us today
 - b. As the New Covenant comes, there is a _____ and _____ of worship because Christ has died, and through His death, all the _____ and _____ of the Old Covenant worship have been fulfilled
 - c. Now we worship in the simplicity and clarity of the New Covenant as we come to God _____
 - d. We worship God, not with all the _____ of the Old Covenant, but with the beauty of _____ and the New Covenant
5. Psalm 99:3-5 – *“Let them praise thy great and terrible name; For it is holy. The king’s strength also loveth judgment; Thou dost establish equity, Thou executest*

judgment and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt ye the LORD our God, And worship at his footstool; For he is holy."

C. God _____ our worship

1. Deuteronomy 12:28-32 – *"Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God. When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it."*
2. As the Israelites were going into the land to take over Canaan, they would be _____ to ask a particularly _____ question, "How did these Canaanites worship and serve their God?"
3. God said, "You are not to _____ yourself after the world. That's _____. But rather, you need to listen carefully to the _____ that I command you. All the words which I have given you are your _____ for how I want to be served and for how I want to be worshipped."

D. God _____ corporate worship and uses it for our _____
... and since God blesses it, we should _____ to engage in that
worship so we can receive the blessings He has in _____ for us

IV. What Should Be Our Approach to Worship?

- A. Don't _____ it ... don't _____ it personally and
individually, don't _____ it in your family, don't _____ it
corporately as the church

1. Hebrews 10:24-25 – *“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*
2. Don't _____ the assembling together of the saints, the _____ of the congregation, to worship the Lord

B. Prepare for it

1. _____ your life so that you are unhindered in attending corporate worship
2. Prepare your _____ for worship
 - a. Spend time in _____, asking God to bless His _____ to you and asking God to bless the _____ of His Word to your heart
 - b. If you have the Lord's Supper coming up, prepare to _____ yourself so that you come ready to partake

C. Come _____ and _____ into God's presence

1. Psalm 100:1-2 – *“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: Come before his presence with singing.”*
2. Three very emotionally charged statements occur in this passage:
 - a. _____ joyfully to the Lord
 - b. Serve the Lord with _____
 - c. Come before the Lord with joyful _____

D. Worship God with your _____

1. Psalm 103:1-2 – *“Bless the LORD, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits ...”*

2. May my _____ be given to you
_____ and _____ as I offer up wholehearted worship
to you

E. _____ one another

1. When we enter into worship, we are encouraging one another, and that
_____ encouragement should be _____
_____ part of our worship together
2. We _____ God's praises together, we _____ together,
and we _____ God's Word proclaimed together in corporate
worship
 - a. When we do so, we're _____ each other that these things are
_____ and _____: He is our God, we are His
_____, He is our Father, Christ is our _____, and
we are bound together as a _____
 - b. By so doing, we _____ each other up even as we
_____ are built up in Christ