

THE HONEST HEART OF WORSHIP

We worship because we are worshippers. Our identity is confirmed by what we are not just by what we do. Just as the SOWER went to SOW the SEED INTO EVERY HEART, the worshipper must do what is NEEDED AND REQUIRED of him. When we rise to worship, we are fulfilling the call to worship. True worship will be without struggle and our service for God will be without strain. We were created for His pleasure and for His Purpose.

"¹¹ "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they ^{were} existed, and were created."

Revelation 4:11,

² saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

¹³ And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

Revelation 5:12, 13

In the beginning worship was the domain of Lucifer and after he fell he has blinded the eyes of the world from seeing God. God is worthy to be worshipped. Those who know how much He is WORTH WILL ALL WORSHIP HIM.

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled ^{were} to those who are perishing, ⁴ in whose case the god of this ^{were} world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving ^{were} so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

⁵And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

Luke 4:5-8

The truth has now prevailed that worship is the domain of the Begotten sons. The light of God's glory is manifesting in the face of Christ to all who worship Him.

1. WORSHIP GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY

- i. Sons are separated from servants by the order of worship (Heb 3:5-6).
- ii. Sons worship their Heavenly Father (John 4:23)
- iii. Sons have the spirit of adoption for the true worship of the Father (John 4:23,24, Romans 8:15)
- iv. Sons worship the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and it is a personal encounter even though it is in a building. We do not spiritualize the designated places (John 4:20,21). We can worship Him anywhere and anytime.
- v. Son's worship become stronger in depth through an accurate relationship with the Father (John 4:22)
- vi. Sons inspire corporate worship as we harness the power of one. We know God wants an intimate relationship from His sons. The more the people push through in intimacy, the greater the flow of the Spirit of Life. We can raise the water level of the City by pushing in corporate working.

- vii. Sons are a catalyst to changing lives. (John 4:28,39)
- viii. Sons choose to do God's will (John 4:34)
- ix. Sons introduce the Father to others (John 4:39,42)
- x. Sons live by the Word (John 4:50, 53)

2. THE ORDER OF TRUE WORSHIP

- i. The **purpose of worship** is to be found living in holiness.

True worship rises from an honest heart. We are changed by His presence and changed into His likeness. Our worship will bring personal consecration leading to full transformation. A deep change in the belief and behavior systems of our lives will bring forth a blameless man.

- ii. The **way of worship** is in the Spirit and by the Spirit.

The flesh cannot please God as the mind set on the flesh is death. The mind set on the flesh is hostile towards God and it is unable to do so.

⁷because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so,

¹³for if you are living according to the flesh, you ¹²must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 8:7,13,14

¹³For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh ^bsets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you ^bplease. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Galatians 5:16,17,18

- iii. The **reverence of worship is** seen when we become like the ONE we worship.

⁶Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir ^bthrough God.

⁸However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. ⁹But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless ^belemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

Galatians 4:6,7,9

We with unveiled face are called to look as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image of the Lord from glory to glory.

- iv. The **Person who is worshipped** is worthy to be worshipped.

We will receive the impartation of grace and the liberty of the spirit. As we honor God in worship the place of worship will become a highway to Zion.

¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

- v. The **objective of our worship** is to please the Father, observe and follow God to the end.

²³But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

*³⁴Jesus *said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.*

John 4:23,34-35

- vi. The **relevance of worship** is to record in our hearts the frequencies and stirrings of the Holy Spirit so that we are always connected and are available to God. This attitude and practice will provide great opportunities to touch God and change lives.

vii. The **place of worship** is in the honest heart of sons

Each nation and religion has their places of worship. Our place is from the heart to heart, and by the spirit to the Spirit of God. We worship in spirit and in truth. Our hearts are like the highways to Zion.

*⁵How blessed is the man whose strength is in You,
In ^{the}whose heart are the highways to Zion!
⁶Passing through the valley of ^{the}Baca they make it a ^{the}spring;
The early rain also covers it with blessings.*

Psalms 84:5,6

viii. The **people who worship** know their God

*³for we are the true ^{the}circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,⁴although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh.
If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:*

Philippians 3:3-4

These redeemed people know the God of their fathers. The fathers secure the covenant and the better promises are given. There is an assurance in our hearts that a whole generation is coming closer to the full redemption but God wants us to model the dimensions of worship, in the Spirit and in Truth.

- ix. The **pattern of worship** follows the new priesthood, not of the Old Testament Aaronic Order.

This pattern that Moses saw was already aligned and adjusted in heaven. The writer of Hebrews could not speak freely on these things because a new Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek is replacing the old order.

³ Behind the second veil there was a [¶]tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, ⁴ having a golden [¶]altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant; ⁵and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Hebrews 9:3-5

⁸ The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the [¶]outer tabernacle is still standing,

Hebrews 9:8

There is a new High Priest from a greater order (Heb 6:20, 5:10-11)

There is a new Tabernacle (Heb 9:24, 11, 12)

There is a new Covenant (Heb 8:6,13 ; 10:9)

- x. The **mediator of worship** has made the way for us to ENTER into the Holy Place (Heb. 9)
 - a. By Boldness (vs. 19 – confidence)
 - b. By Blood (vs. 20)
 - c. By a new and living way (vs. 20)
 - d. By an inaugurated way
 - e. By the veil of His flesh (vs. 20 – crucified)
 - f. By the great High Priest (vs. 21)
 - g. By the corporate Son, His Bride
 - h. By the sincere honest heart in the Spirit of Truth (vs. 22 – clear conscience)
 - i. By the Presentation of oneself (vs. 21 – a great priest over the house)
 - j. By the confession of our hope and faith (vs. 23)