

LESSON #16

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Summary Statement: When we recognize the surpassing worthiness of God, our hearts will rise to worship Him at all times. When we recognize His beauty, qualities, power, and abilities, our praise will join that of heaven and bring the authority of God to the earth.

Main Scriptures: 1 Chronicles 16:25-39 (NLT) – “Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods. The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the Lord made the heavens! Honor and majesty surround Him; strength and joy fill His dwelling. O nations of the world, recognize the Lord, recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong. Give to the Lord the glory He deserves! Bring your offering and come into His presence. Worship the Lord in all His holy splendor.”

Discussion:

Definitions of scriptural worship:

- *Shachah* – Strong’s 7812 –prostrate (especially reflexively in homage to royalty or God): - bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.

- **Serve** – Strong’s - *'abad* - A primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, be wrought, worshipper.

We see throughout the Bible that worship is intricately tied with sacrifice.

- **Genesis 22:2-5**
- **Romans 12:1**

Worship is based on worth.

- **Romans 1:22-25**
- **Luke 4:5-8**

The priority of worship.

- **Matthew 26:6-13**

We are called to live as living sacrifices of worship – a lifestyle of worship.

- **Romans 12:1**
- **2 Corinthians 8:15**

Definitions of scriptural praise:

Yadah – to revere or worship with extended hands, to confess and give thanks.

- **2 Samuel 22:50**

Halal - To be clear (sound and color); to shine; hence to make a show; to boast; to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; to celebrate.

- **2 Samuel 6:16-23**

Zamar - to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, that is, play upon it; to make music, accompanied by the voice; hence to celebrate in song and music.

- **Psalm 66:1-2**

Ainos - To applaud, to commend, to tell a story [testimony].

- **Luke 18:43**

Humneo – To sing a religious ode; by implication to celebrate (God) in song.

- **Matthew 26:30**

Psallo - To twitch or twang, that is, to play on a stringed instrument (celebrate the divine worship with music and accompanying odes): - make melody, sing (psalms).

- **1 Corinthians 14:15**

The power of praise:

- **Psalm 22:3**
- **Psalm 100:4**
- **Acts 16:25-26**
- **Psalm 149:5-9**

Praise expressions:

- **Colossians 3:16**

