

# Worship....A position of the heart

I Chronicles 29:10-13... <sup>10</sup> David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, O LORD,  
God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

<sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>12</sup> Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.  
In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

<sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.

David's heart was in the right place...he knew God and loved Him without reserve...Can we say the same today?

Do we love the Lord with such abandon that it doesn't matter what others think?

Do you think that David loved the Lord with total abandon?

Not only did David worship the Lord but he also lead others to worship...1 Chronicles 29:18...<sup>18</sup> O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

He prayed this prayer for the whole assembly of people that were present and working on the temple...(in modern times that would be the ladies Bible study class at Longview)....

He taught them the 'how' of worship...

What is your idea of worship?

All throughout the Bible we find those who are praising God and worshipping Him with sincerity and in truth...why can't we?

Do we come to church on Sunday with a mind and heart for worship? Why or why not?

Are we resolved to lead others in worship?

If David is our example, then we can definitely answer yes to the above question...God desires that our hearts be in tune with His and that our faces are turned to Him and our hands raised in surrender to him thereby giving an outward and upward cry that we belong to Him...it is a 'TESTIMONY' of worship.

When we lift our hands to Him we are 'testifying' that indeed our heart is His and we are offering in surrender to Him anything that is in us worthy of worship...

### Psalm 141:2

May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the **lifting up** of my **hands** be like the evening sacrifice.

When we offer ourselves to the Lord as a 'Living Sacrifice' then we are lifting ourselves to Him by worship.

When our relationship with Him is at a point of 'never going backward' again, we find ourselves in love with our Savior and hungry for the worship that comes out of that love.

In our world today we see many things that people worship and the God of the universe is not one of them...we are so busy trying to fill ourselves up on stuff that there is no room left for true 'worship' in Christ...and yet the Bible commands that we find the time to begin a relationship with the Lord that will teach us to truly enter in and worship Him...the one True God...

What can keep us from true 'Worship' as a believer...

- ❖ Fear of others: The biggest barrier to finding true worship in the Lord is fear. We all experience it and when we see others truly worshipping we find that there is a tightness in our stomach. One plague of the church today is that we go to church really more to see what others are doing and what is going on than we do to meet with the Living Savior...this is a position of the heart.
- ❖ Fear of the unknown: We have learned in this class that one of the things that keeps us from total surrender to the Lord is ourselves...we KNOW that we should and we desire that we should...but we...just can't...do you ever find yourself saying that??...and yet the Bible commands us to worship God...John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true **worshippers** will **worship** the Father in **spirit** and **truth**, for they are the kind of **worshippers** the Father seeks....Should we fear the unknown so far as true worship goes???...this is a position of the heart.
- ❖ Fear of rejection: Ok...so I will let go and worship God and surrender myself to Him...what if others see me do it and label me a 'Jesus Freak'...what then...tell me what is the worst thing that can happen in this scenario??? If our hearts and minds and souls are all in the right place, then worship will take place and your heart **WILL NOT CARE** that others may reject you because of your worship to the Father....this is a position of the heart.

- ❖ Fear of 'not knowing how' to worship: Here is where we lose so many people who come close to true worship...the worship of the Savior is a 'Position of the Heart'...not a 'Position of the body'...can we understand that? It does not matter if you raise your hands to the Lord, if you bow your head, if you bend your knees, if you lie on the floor, if you kneel at the altar, on your bedroom floor...it is in the position of your heart. We should never condemn how another worships the Lord...it is not ours to say what their 'heart' condition is.

If we are going to be the 'kind of worshipers the Lord seeks'...then we have to let go of most of what we have learned through the years and let God's Spirit wash over us so that we know that we are worshipping Him when we seek Him with our hearts and souls...our relationship is what builds worship in us...worship is not to be confused with service in the church, or coming to the Sanctuary on Sunday morning...worship is so much more than that!

Praise God that we can hopefully see that the 'worship of the heart' is where God is...He WANTS OUR HEARTS TO REALLY BELONG TO HIM...HE WANTS US TO CHOOSE HIM EVERY SINGLE MOMENT OF EVERY DAY...that is why it has been important to recognize His fingerprints on every aspect of our lives...the more you see Him to more you BELIEVE Him and the more you believe Him the more you WORSHIP Him...

Revelation Song:

Worthy is the  
Lamb who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on (He wants to hear your song)  
Heaven's Mercy Seat  
(Chorus)  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing: (All things will worship God)  
Praise to the King of Kings!  
You are my everything,  
And I will adore You...!

Clothed in rainbows, of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and  
Glory and power be  
To You the Only Wise King,

Filled with wonder,

Awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your Name (Condition of our heart)  
Jesus, Your Name is Power  
Breath, and Living Water  
Such a marvelous mystery

(Chorus)  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come, yeah  
With all creation I sing:  
Praise to the King of Kings!  
You are my everything,  
And – I - will - adore You!

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And – I - will - adore YOU...

'A Position of the Heart' ...that is what worship is...a BURNING ISSUE for some and a non issue for others and for some....it is the essence of who they are in Christ...

What is our position???

Let's begin to think of that as Palm Sunday approaches this week and Easter Sunday the following week when we remember what Jesus has done for us...worship Him??? Love Him??? Believe Him???...ABSOLUTELY